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IRA alert before No 10 summit

Ulster leaders shrug off bomb and start talks

Although Mr Major's

general election.

Earlier Commander

George Churchill-Coleman,

head of Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch, condemned the IRA attack. "The warning given this morning was delib-

erately vague and lacking in

detail so as to make the job of

finding the device extremely difficult in the time allowed.

The likelihood of causing

death or injury to the public

was high and to give so little

warning was utterly cynical."

Internment roads, page 12 Letters, page 13

Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, were

still talking of recovery being

Economic data has now

convinced the government that recovery will be weaker

and slower to arrive than Mr

Lamont forecast in his au-

tumn statement in Novem-

ber. The economy is expected

to grow by 1 per cent this year, less than half that fore-

cast in the statement. It foi-

lows a decline of 2.5 per cent

in 1991, the steepest calendar year drop since the great de-

pression. The Bank said the

recession was "bumping along the bottom" and was

reluctant to predict precisely

when it would end, though it

is assuming "modest, slow"

recovery will come this year.

under way.

meeting did not set an agen-da for further talks, the Ulster leaders expressed cautious

hope-about his willingness to

hold further talks. The prime

minister's personal interven-tion appeared to galvanise

the four men into agreeing to

The IRA bomb scare acted

as an extra spur to make sure that the leaders — James

Molyneaux of the Ulster

Unionist party, Dr Ian Pais-ley of the Democratic Union-

ist party, John Hume of the nationalist Social Democrat-

ic and Labour party, and Dr

John Alderdice of the Alliance

party - attended the Downing Street talks. After the 90-

minute meeting to revive the stalled Brooke initiative on

Terrorists who claim to be

acting on behalf of one com-

munity or other are in fact

acting against the interest of

all the people in Northern Ireland — that was the unani-

"Everyone at the meeting

gave their support to the sec-

urity forces in bringing those

responsible for terrorist atroc-

Mr Major said that the

four leaders had agreed to discuss obstacles blocking

further political dialogue in

THE Bank of England says

that economic recovery is

proving elusive and that the

recession has become the

longest since the war. The

Bank's latest quarterly assess-

ment of the economy marks a

retreat from the optimistic

reading of the economy given

in its Quarterly Bulletin pub-

Bank economists say they can see no sign of a double dip recession but add that the

modest recovery they had pre-

dicted for the second half of

1991 did not occur. The as-

sessment confirms the view

given by Treasury officials

last week. The Bank is con-

cerned by the lack of consum-

er confidence at home and the worsening international environment. Until the new

year both Norman Lamont.

the Chancellor, and Robin

lished in November.

Recession longest

since war, says Bank

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

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meet next week.

JOHN Major yesterday persuaded the leaders of Northern Ireland's four constitutional parties to search again for common ground so that discussions on the future of the province could resume.

As an IRA bomb alert brought Whitehall to a standstill for the third time in a year, the prime minister held the first talks in Downing Street with Ulster leaders for lo years. He said that a "significant but modest breakthrough " had been made at the meeting.

Only hours before the Ulster talks were due to begin, a time bomb loaded with Semtex was discovered by police in a telephone box near the entrance to Downing Street. The device was found at the height of the morning rush hour outside the Foreign Office, only seven minutes before Thames TV had been

Heads seek exam switch

State and independent school heads have united with universities to press for a more flexible curriculum for pupils over 16.

They are concerned about the high failure rate for A levels and say pupils should be able to build up qualifications gradually, using vocational courses as credit towards various

All change

Eight Irish cabinet ministers have been sacked by the new prime minister, Albert Reynolds, in a ruthless reshuffle that draws a line under the Haughey era. Gerard Collins is replaced as foreign minister by the barrister David Andrews. Mary O'Rourke, Reynolds for the leader-

ship, also goes Page 2 Tobacco vote

European MPs have voted to ban all tobacco advertising from the end of the year. The draft directive would become law if approved by health ministers in May, but Britain, Germany and The Netherlands are still fighting the

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George Bush will roday formally announce that he is seeking a second term as President of the United States. But his popularity has slumped since the heady days after the Gulf ___ Page 10

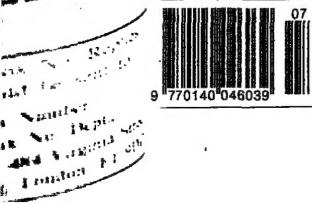
BA soars

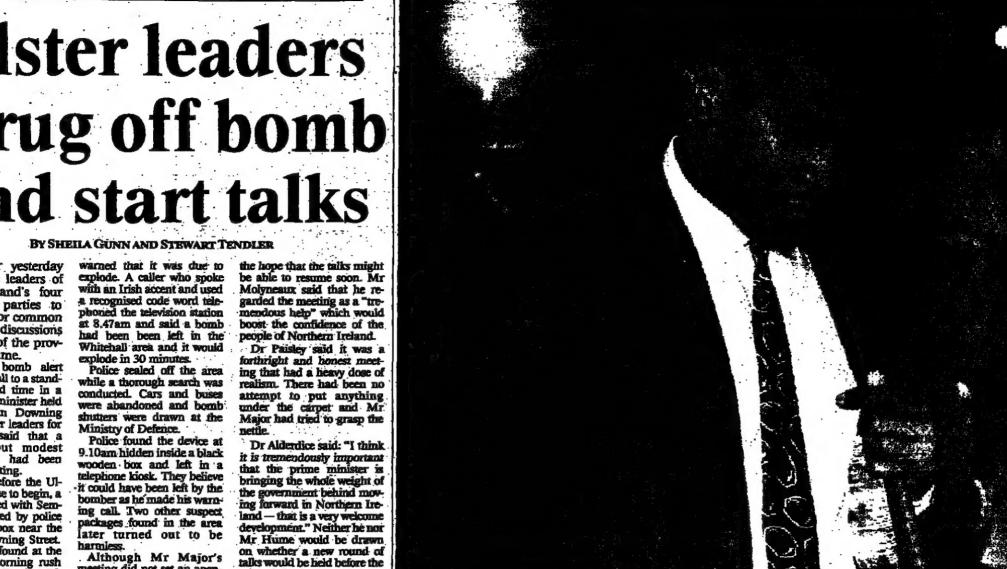
British Airways surprised the City with pre-tax profits in the three months to the end of December, up fivefold to £100 million. The Gulf war had affected results this time last year, but analysts were still expecting profits of only £35 . page 17

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Employers seeking chief executives, managers and other senior staff are advertising tomorrow in 12 pages of appointments in the Life &





Mike Tyson, looking stunned by the jury's guilty verdict, leaving the Marion County court on bail

Women hail Tyson's downfall

From CHARLES BREMNER IN INDIANAPOLIS

MIKE Tyson, newly convicted felon, reported to the court for a pre-sentence hearing in Indianapolis yesterday as women's groups across America prociamed his downfall a triumph for rape victims.

Silent and grim, he strode into court to the cheers of supporters urging him to "hang in there Mike". After waiting with other convicts. he was interviewed as a preliminary to his sentencing by Judge Patricia Gifford on March 6. He is expected to

receive between six and 10 years in prison for his three convictions of rape and devi-ant conduct against Desiree Washington, the teenage beauty queen, who accepted an invitation to his hotel room last July. If all appeals fail, he will probably start his sentence in about a year.

Campaigners for womens rights let out a cheer for the first high-publicity victory in their struggle to have "date rapists" brought to book. The conviction contrasted with the acquittal of William Kennedy Smith on rape charges last December and with the humiliation of Anita Hill, who was widely dishelieved when she accused Judge Clarence Thomas of harassing

her with lewd talk. The verdict ended plans for the biggest sporting pay-day in history, a \$100 million (£55 million) bout between Tyson and Evander Holyweight champion. Tyson could have fought at any time until the result of his appeals are known, but Holyfield said he would refuse.

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Judge asks for reform as Guinness trial is halted

By Paul Wilkinson

A SENIOR judge yesterday called for an overhaul of the system dealing with long criminal trials after halting the four-month-old Guinness II hearing because a defen-

dant was too ill to continue. Discharging the jury at Justice Henry said that medical evidence showed that Roger Seelig, aged 46, a for-mer merchant banker, was mentally ill from the stress of conducting his own defence and might do "something irrevocable" if he carried on.

"This case highlights the problems of long criminal trials and the appropriateness of our criminal justice system and its rules, which were originally drawn up to deal with short trials and simple facts,"

the judge said.
"We must find a cheaper and quicker way to deal with these serious fraud trials. It seems to me that we need a radical solution rather than just tinkering with the exist-

ng procedures." The judge said that he had begun to worry about Mr Seelig's health soon after the trial began last September. The

final straw had come two on charges arising out of the £2.7 billion takeover of Distweeks ago when Mr Seelig suffered the last and worst of several breakdowns in court.

The jury, which had been absent at the time, was given a transcript of Mr Seeling's words. The judge said: "That the end of his health, bewildered at his loss of control and his inability to think straight, wondering whether his medication rather than his mental state is to blame. recognising that he seems to have gone funny yet insisting that he was all right and

could go on."

An "even more poignant" tape recording of the outburst was offered to the jurors to listen to in their room. The

judge said that it included Mr Seelig crying and talking in a highly emotional manner. The case is estimated to have cost up to £2 million in lawyers' fees alone.

Mr Justice Henry told the jury that he had warned Mr elig of the perils of conducting his own case, but he had sisted on his right to do so. Mr Seelig had professional legal advisors when arrested

illers by Guinness in 1986, but discharged them as costs rose. He claimed to have spent more than £500,000.

Mr Seeling's co-defendant. Lord Spens, aged 50. the the merchant bank Henry Ansbacher, claims to have spent a similar sum before obtaining legal aid. Yesterday, he estimated that his costs paid from public funds since then at about £600,000. The Serious Fraud Office, the prosecution, puts its costs at about £650,000.

After yesterday's hearing, Mr Seelig said: "It was simply a case of taking on too Continued on page 16 col 1

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fixes his sights on London's eyesores Life & Times Page 1

THE BIGGER THE BETTER



Dawn French sizes up the over 14s' choice Life & Times Page 5 **SNOWED**



The Bell brothers' combined effort at Val d'Isère plus all the other Winter Olympic results Page 30

Clowes gets ten years for 'UK's worst fraud'

PETER Clowes, founder of the collapsed Barlow Clowes financial empire, yesterday began a ten year jail sentence after being convicted of fraud and theft charges involving millions of pounds of investors' money. The disgraced financier was also disqualified from involvement with any company for 15 years.

Mr Justice Phillips, passing sentence at the Central Criminal Court, told Clowes: "I do not believe any judge in this country has ever been called upon to pass sentence on a worse case of fraud than yours. Anyone who deliberately carries out the massive fraud you have perpetrated must face the fact that, if caught, he must go to prison

for a very long time." Clowes, convicted on 18 counts of theft and fraud for "milking" unsuspecting investors of millions of pounds, 'showed no emotion as the sentence was passed. Peter

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times a week, while 43 per

cent take several baths a

week. The average time spent

in the shower is five minutes,

in the bath 15 to 30 minutes.

From that, the researchers

calculate that the average cit-

izen spends more than four

and a half days a year in the

bath or shower. Over a 70-

year lifespan, they estimate, that would add up about 341

days in the tub or under the

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Britain comes clean over bathroom antics

By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITONS spend a year of their lives in the bath or shower on average, according to a survey of 2,500 people. More than half read in the bath, a third drink coffee, almost a third sing, a quarter consume alcohol, a seventh make phone calls, and a tenth use the time to clip their toenails, the survey by the bathroom suppliers

Graham says. Seven per cent eat in the bath, and four per cent claim to have sexual intercourse there. Others say that they watch television from their baths, write letters, tackle crosswords, or practise yoga and meditation. A few go to sleep. A tenth of the popula-

tion use their bath to wash the dog, while others share their baths with pet rabbits, cats (particularly Persians), or their children's toys. A tenth keep toys of their own to play with at bathtimes, while 4 per cent play with their children's toys.

The Graham Bath Report, published yesterday, indi-cates that three out of five people prefer baths to showers. More than half the respondents, though, prefer showers in summer and

haths in winter. Twenty eight per cent do not own a shower, while only two per cent lack a bath. In Greater London more than half those questioned did not have a shower and almost an eighth were without a bath. Wash hair Listen to music Beauty treatment Talk on phone

Have sex

More than two thirds of Londoners claimed to take a bath every day. The cleanest citizens were those in the Channel Islands, where 83 per

cent take a shower every day. and half also take a bath several times a week. The report shows that 37 per cent of Britons shower several

More than a third of re-spondents described their bathrooms as adequate. though in London two fifths complained that theirs were

too small. Only 29 per cent were satisfied with the colour of their bathroom.

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O'Rourke: paid price of leadership challenge

Haughey era swept away with the ousting of eight ministers

He might be described as a

pragmatic nationalist who is-

close to the Northern Ire-

land-based SDLP, and he

firmly believes that a devolu-

tion settlement in Belfast is

He is active in the British-

Irish inter-parliamentary

body, and is on good terms

with many MPs at Westmin-

ster. He has also vigorously

pursued cases of miscarriage

of justice in the British courts

relating to Ireland, including

the best way forward.

THE Haughey era in Irish politics came to an abrupt end yesterday when eight of his ministers were dismissed by his successor Albert Reynolds: After being formally voted into office as the runth prime minister in the republic's history. Mr Reynolds stunned party colleagues by announcing a cabinet in which eight Haughey appointees were omitted.

The new team was being seen as emphasising ability and merit. Ministers who owed their position largely to their loyalty to Mr Haughey were dropped, as were those who opposed Mr Reynolds in his failed leadership attempt

The most important ap-

pointment for Anglo-Irish re-lations is David Andrews, aged 56, a Dublin barrister. who replaces Gerard Collins as foreign minister. Mr Col-lins was expected to lose the foreign ministry portfolio, but retain a cabinet seat. Instead, he appears to have paid dearly for his appeals to Mr. Reynolds to back down during the autumn heave

against Mr Haughey.
Mr Andrews last held a junior ministerial post in 1979. He is considered one of the brightest members of the party, whose hostility to Mr Haughey ensured that he remained on the back benches during the 1980s.

Although the drift of Irish government policy on North-

Albert Reynolds wasted no time in making his mark as the new Irish prime minister yesterday with a cabinet shake out that shocked his Fianna Fail colleagues. Edward Gorman reports

ern Ireland is not expected to change, Mr Andrews may be prepared to take risks in the search for a breakthrough to a greater extent than his predecessor. As one observer put it: "Peace and reconciliation will be his absolute priorities. and he will be prepared to be quite radical."

Mr Andrews comes from a solid republican background, but represents Dun Laoghaire, the most liberal constituency in the country. those of the Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four, and the Maguire family.

Apart from Mr Collins,

those who have lost their jobs are Mary O'Rourke (health), Rory O'Hanlon (environment), Michael O'Kennedy (labour). Raymond Burke (justice), Vincent Brady (defence), Brendan Daly (social welfare), and Noel Davern (education).

Of those, the most surprising is Mary O'Rourke, sister of the former deputy prime minister. Brian Lenihan. who campaigned for the leadership, but won the support of only six of the party's 77 deputies as against 61 for Mr Reynolds. She was considered a more than able education minister and looked promising at health. but appears to have paid the price for her leadership challenge

The dismissal of so many ministers suggests that Mr Reynolds believes that with a new team he can go to the country some time within the next two years and secure the overall majority for Fianna Fáil that eluded Mr Haughey. That would free the party from its coalition with the small Progressive Democrats, who have retained two seats in the

cabinet. The full cabinet is: prime minister, Albert Reynolds; deputy prime minister and minister for defence. John

Wilson: minister for foreign affairs. David Andrews; minister for 'finance, Bertie Ahern: minister for environment, Michael Smith; minister for agriculture, Joseph Walsh: minister for labour, Brian Cowen; minister for social welfare. Charles McCreevy; minister for health, Dr John O'Connell; minister for education, Seamus Brennan; minister for energy. Robert Molloy (PD): minister for industry and commerce, Desmond O'Malley (PD); minister for tourism, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn; minister for justice, Padraig Flynn; minister for the marine, Michael Woods; attorney-general, Harry Whelehan

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Colleges and schools call for A-level shake-up

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STATE and independent school heads yesterday joined with universities to press for changes in the post-16 curriculum close to those proposed by Labour and the Liberal

Two state and two independent school associations issued a joint statement with university representatives criticising the government's plans for an Advanced Diploma to link academic and vocational qualifications. They accused the government of remaining isolated in the face of a consensus for more fun-

damental change.
The heads called for a more flexible curriculum, in which students could use vocational courses as credit towards Alevels or other qualifications. A new accreditation body would be needed to put a value on the wide variety of courses the system would

John Sutton, general secre-tary of the Secondary Heads Association, who chaired the

Oborski: argued with

former lover at party

Mayoress

sent poison

pen letter

BY RICHARD DUCK

A MAYORESS sent a crude

poison pen letter to the

woman she discovered was

having an affair with her

former lover, a court was told

Fran Oborski, the Liberal

Democrat mayoress of Kid-

derminster. Worcestershire,

was convicted of sending an

indecent or grossly often-

sive" letter to Penny

argument at a Christmas par-

ty with Peter Price, aged 52,

her former lover and political

agent. Mr Price had taken

Mrs Beard, aged 48, to the

party where Oborski began

insulting her in the crowded

bar, Droitwich magistrates

Oborski, aged 46, who had

an affair with Mr Price while

he was staying at the home she shared with her husband

Michael in Kidderminster,

then sent an an anonymous

letter to Mrs Beard labelling

her a slut. It also said: "You

are living with Mr Price and

still claiming benefits. There are homeless families

with kids who need your

Mr Parson said the rela-

tionship between Oborski

and Mr Price, a former coun-

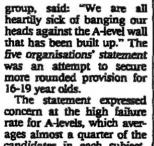
ty councillor, had cooled.

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ages almost a quarter of the candidates in each subject. and the pressure on many pupils to take examinations before they were ready. A credit system, which has been rejected for A-levels but imlemented for some vocational qualifications, would allow students to build up qualifica-tions, choosing the most suit-able courses for their intended career.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has insisted that A-levels should remain broadly unchanged, with vo-cational qualifications representing a separate edu-cational route with enhanced

The group, which included the Headmasters Conference, the Girls Schools Association and the principals of believe that the distinction between the academic and the vocational is now unhelp-

Labour and the Liberal Democrats have put forward plans for a linked system of vocational and academic qualifications. The heads, who said that they were not seeking "drastic structural changes to existing qualifications", have discussed their proposals with Jack Straw, the Labour education

in Mr Clarke yesterday announced a £20 million initiative to channel money for new buildings to the most popular schools. Regulations will be changed so that schools which are full and which perform well in the government's proposed league tables no longer have to turn away pu-

in neighbouring schools.

The move follows pressure from church schools, which have been denied the money to expand because of the number of surplus places in local authority schools. Par-ents have been forced to send their children to half-empty secular schools when they wanted them to be educated in a denominational school. Mr Clarke said: "Good

schools which are popular with parents should be able to expand if they wish." The money will be set aside from next year's overall capital budget for schools after consultation with local authorities, the churches and opt-out schools.



Unlikely duet: Mick Jagger, the Rolling Stone, takes the stage with Tim Renton, the arts minister, at the launch yesterday at the Royal Festival Hall, London, of Britain's National Music Day, which was born of a brief conversation be- Union, the Arts Council and the Centre, while the regions are to be Que

(Simon Tait writes). Their first recruit to the cause was Harvey Goldsmith, the rock music impresario, and in his steps and onto the committee have followed representatives of Equity. the Musicians' Goldsmith says, an annual celebration of "music that crosses all barriers and all styles". On June 28 there will be simultaneous events in London at Wembley Stadium, the South Bank and the Barbican

anisers. Elton John. Eric Clapton and Prince will be among the big asked if he had finally joined the establishment. "I think the establishment is the Church and the

names taking part. Mr Jagger was tween the two several months ago South Bank Centre to plan, Mr encouraged by 15 provincial org to be either of those," he said.

Fraud prosecutions

Role of juries in doubt

JUDGE Henry's call yester-day for an overhaul of the way the criminal justice system tackles fraud trials will rekindie pressure for scrapping ju-ries in complex fraud cases.

In recent months, the phenomenon of the "mega trial", the Lord Chief Justice, has become increasingly apparent. As well as the Guinness, Barlow Clowes and County NatWest cases, last month saw the record-breaking 16month fraud trial over the pils if there are empty places Britannia Park theme park development, which ended with a total cost of £3 million.

Concern has already prompted the Department of Trade and Industry to suggest to the royal commission on criminal justice that there be a rethink of the proposal made by the committee on fraud trials in 1986 under Lord Roskill for abolishing iuries in complex cases.

Such trials, the Roskill committee proposed, should be handled by a different kind of tribunal consisting of a judge and two lay assessors. But amid widespread criticism from the legal profession the idea was rejected by the government, which instead Yesterday's halting of a Guinness trial calls into question the courts'

handling of fraud cases, writes Frances Gibb

brought in a package of less radical reforms aimed at simplifying complex fraud trials. There is a growing view that those reforms, enshrined in the Criminal Justice Act 1987, were not enough. David Kirk, head of the fraud unit at the City law firm Stephenson Harwood, said: "These long trials are a tremendous strain on all involved. The reforms in the 1987 act were really tinkering at the edges: in the end it has to come down to the jury."

Judge Henry's comments, he said, were bound to have an impact and to lead to change. One possibility was for complex fraud cases to be tried by a single judge. "Sin-gle judges don't have a reput-ation for convicting more often than juries, or for being In spite of DTI support for

large section of the legal pro-fession, including the Serious Fraud Office, which opposes

scrapping the jury.

The Bar is fierce in its support of the jury system.

Jonathan Caplan, chairman of the public affairs committee, said: "We hold very dear trial by jury and before seeing that abandoned for a special category of case, the Bar would want to be sure that all had been done to strip these trials down to their kernel." There was a duty on everyone to ensure that only the essentials were dealt with and that complex issues were simplified so that the jury could understand them. Long trials have also been

linked with the phenomenon of the unrepresented defendant. Mr Caplan said: "It does put a terrible strain on a trial if a defendant represents himself. But some people do feel that they know their case been although it is always. best, although it is always misguided because they can't see the wood for the trees. But it is their right and I don't think it should be removed."

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MEPs vote to ban tobacco adverts

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

EURO-MPs yesterday voted for a blanket ban on tobacco advertising and sponsorship Community from 1993, despite unprecedented pressure in recent weeks from tobacco lobbyists claiming that there is no link between cigarette advertisements and Europe's 430,000 annual death toll from smoking-related illness.

The vote, which came as the British Medical Associ-ation and called on the gov-ernment to support a ban, did not disappoint the Jobacco industry, which said that it had expected to lose by a bigger margin. Euro-MPs voted in favour of the European Commission's proposal by 150 to 123.

"It shows our arguments are getting across," Christopher Bullock, of the Tobacco Advisory Council, said.

The draft directive will not become law unless EC countries' health ministers approve it at a meeting on May 15. Britain, Germany and The Netherlands form a blocking minority. Denmark last month changed to sup-porting a ban because of public opinion. The European

Bureau for Action on Smoking Prevention said yesterday that it hoped that public pressure would force one or all of the ban opponents to follow.

A poll by British Social Attitudes last month showed that 63 per cent of Tory vot-ers. 65 per cent of Labour voters and 67 per cent of Liberal Democrats favour a ban. The government says that

the current voluntary code, with tobacco companies agreeing not to advertise in women's and youth magazines, is more effective and that the number of new smokers in Britain is lower than in some countries where an advertising ban is enforced.

Conservative Euro-MPs were split on the issue yesterday. Bryan Cassidy (Dorset East and Hampshire West) said that it was contradictory for the EC to call for a ban while spending £700,000 a year growing unsaleable tobacco that was dumped on the world market. Caroline Jackson (Wiltshire) said that a ban was needed to avoid recruiting of new smokers.

The proposed ban would permit only point-of-sale

race attack Two policemen who beat up and racially abused a black scientist were jailed for two

Policemen

jailed for

years yesterday. Judge Rivlin, QC. also ordered Mark Ir-Rankin, aged 25, each to pay £500 compensation to Eman nuel Ziregbe, their victim.

The two off-duty officers attacked Mr Ziregbe, who was earning extra money as a minicab driver, as they left a public house in Hammersmith last August after a stag night celebration, Southwark crown court was told. The judge, who was told that Mr Ziregbe had started civil action against the two, said the money was not intended to reflect the true value of his claim but the need for him to be compensated.

Sentencing Irvine and Rankin, the judge said: "Crimes by serving police against the very people they are always serious matters. Quite apart from the trauma suffered by the victim they do untold damage to the reput-ation of the police and public confidence in the police which is so vital in our

Counsel for both men said they had destroyed promising careers for "five minutes of lunacy". The two men were convicted of causing Mr Zir-egbe, a rubber scientist of Isleworth, west London, actu-

al bodily harm. The jury, which took nearly ten hours to decide its verdicts, acquitted a third ofer. Simon Birch, a of a similar charge. It failed to reach a verdict in the case of a

fourth officer, who faces a retrial.

The incident happened last
August after all four went to The George in Hammer-smith Broadway, west London, to celebrate a colleague's stag night. Nicholas Loraine-Smith, for the prosecution, said: "It may be that drink

was the trigger to what was some loutish and violent

behaviour." Carey appeal

The Archbishop of Canterbury last night condemned the failure of the market economy to protect the countryside. Dr George Carey called for funds gained through reduced price subsidies to be put back into farm incomes to help to protect the environment. He told the annual meeting of the Nat- 1 ional Farmers' Union: "We cannot look to the market alone and we must look to the public purse."

Lenders blamed

Mortgage lenders have been too ready to resort to home repossessions and have been giving inappropriate advice to borrowers, says a report by the Catholic Housing Aid Society. It adds that irres-ponsible behaviour by lenders included granting 100 per cent mortgages, an ad hoc and inconsistent response to arrears from the same lender. and a failure to recover ar-rears through other methods.

Ashdown gains The fortunes of the Liberal

Democrats have improved since their leader, Paddy Ashdown, told of an affair with a former secretary, according to a poll published last night. It put the Tories (down two points) and Lab our (down one point) on 40 per cent and the Liberal Democrats up four points to 16 per cent: ICM interviewed 1,462 people for The Guardian on Friday and Saturday.

Joint exercise

ships will join Kuwaiti forces in May for the first of a series of military exercises designed to warn off Iraq and other potential aggressors, it was announced yesterday after the signing in London of a defence pact between Britain

Cavalry regiments dragooned into a change of name

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NEW titles for amalgamated cavalry regiments were announced by the defence ministry yesterday, after months of internal debate.

Two famous Royal Hussar regiments have agreed to change their names completely and have opted for an historical name which is closely linked to their origins. Of the 10 cavalry regiments in-

volved in the mergers, the amalgamation of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) and 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, is the most dramatic. They are to be called the Light Dragoons. This title goes back to 1756 when, under threat of invasion from France, light troops were add-ed to some existing dragoon regi-

ments. They were jockey caps and boots and were trained for light cavalry duties - reconnaissance and skirmishing - previously the preserve of irregular horse regiments such as the Hungarian hus-sars. The word "hussar" was used in Hungary in the 15th century

and meant "scout" or "spy".
The Light Dragoons is a title that has been common to all four regiments. The 15th, 18th and 19th were all raised as light dragoons and the 13th's major battle honour is Balaklava, when it was designated as light dragoons.

In the amalgamation of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers and the 17th/21st Lancers, now to be called the Oueen's Royal Lancers, both regiments were determined to retain their unique historical ties. It has been agreed.

will keep the 17th/21st Lancers' famous regimental motto, "Death or Glory". The motto was chosen in the 1760s to commemorate the successful storming of Quebec by General James Wolfe in 1759. The other new titles announced

yesterday were: The Royal Dra-goon Guards, an amalgamation of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards; the Queen's Roy-al Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish), a merger of The Queen's Own Hussars and The Oueen's Royal Irish Hussars; and The King's Royal Hussars, a merg-er of The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) and the 14th/20th King's Hussars.

The ministry also announced the line in the charge of the Light new title for an amalgamation of Brigade at Balakiava. The 18th.

five corps. The Royal Logistic Corps. to be formed in April 1993, will absorb the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Royal Pioneer Corps, the Army Catering Corps and the Postal and Courier Section

Corps of Royal Engineers. The mergers are part of the government's plan to reduce the size of the army from 156,000 to 116,000 under its Options for Change de-fence review. The titles of the merged infantry regiments have

help quell the Jacobite rising. In . 1787 they were renamed the 13th Light Dragoons and served at Waterioo and were to the right of the

Hussars were raised in 1759 as the 19th Light Dragoons. They also served at Waterloo. The 15th Hussars, also formed in 1759 to meet a new need for

light cavalry, served at the battle of Emsdorf in 1760, the first recorded battle honour in the army. The 19th Light Dragoons were formed at the same time and after being disbanded and reformed

three times emerged in 1858 as the 1st Bengal European Cavalry. merged infantry regiments have still to be decided.

The 13th Hussars were raised as Munden's Dragoons in 1715 to The existing southeast and southwest districts are to be merged to form the southern district, with its headquarters at Aldershot. There will now be five districts: Scotland. Eastern. Wales and Western,

Southern and London.

British commandos and war-

"Perhaps the falling out was a motive for this letter. It is a perfectly plain example of a poisoned pen letter." Oborski, who had denied the charge, was fined £250. She claimed the letter had been part of a dirty tricks

campaign to embarrass her

at a local election.

War deaths libel case

Massacre witness says he was forced to exaggerate story

FROM KERRY GILL IN VILNIUS

AN ELDERLY pig farmer who admitted taking part in atrocities against Jewish families during the second world war said yesterday that he had exaggerated allegations against his former commanding officer when taking part in a programme made by Scottish Television.

After giving a horrifying account of the mass slaughter of men, women and children by Lithuanian troops in Belorussia during 1941, Juozas Aleksynas, aged 78, told the Scottish court sitting here in Vilnius that he had been forced to elaborate his evidence by the former Soviet

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Mr Aleksynas, one of three elderly witnesses called by Scottish Television, which is being sued for £600,000 by Anton Gecas, a former junior officer in the Lithuanian police, was asked about evidence supplied for the programme, screened in 1987. He said through an interpreter: "I think some exaggeration has been made by myself about Gecas at this time. It was the Bolshevik regime and it demanded that there should be as much accusations against the person as possible.

His remarks, which came at the end of his evidence in chief to the Scottish court, were the first indication that pressure was brought to bear on witnesses to incriminate Mr Gecas, a retired mining engineer, aged 76, who became a naturalised Briton in 1956. Mr Gecas, who lives in Edinburgh, has denied that he was a war criminal.

Mr Aleksynas also admitted under cross-examination that he was forced to make allegations about other people as he underwent physical and mental torture by the KGB during the winter of 1944-5. He admitted to John Simpson, counsel for Mr Gecas: "It went as far as having to say 'write down what you want, and I will sign it'." But he denied making up stories about Mr Gecas more

than 40 years later.

years for war crimes, has denied that he hanged and shot Communists, commissars and Jews, or that he served in an SS battalion.

The programme alleged that Mr Gecas, after Jewish families were rounded up and shot, had joined German officers to finish off victims. When Mr Aleksynas, the first of three old and frail wimesses being called in Vilnius this week, was asked about this, he said that he had not seen Mr Gecas, his unit commander, actually shoot someone, although he had given orders for shooting to take

The court has had to sit in Vilnius because the three men



Aleksynas: jailed for ten years for war crimes

were considered too frail or unwilling to travel to Scotland. Mr Aleksynas gave his evidence in an assured and clear voice. He recalled the days between June and November 1941, when his battalion, under the ultimate command of the Germans, aided a massacre of thou-sands of Jewish civilians after Hitler struck against the

Soviet Union. Speaking in a small court room temporarily under the jurisdiction of the Scottish legal system, he told how his unit, under Mr Gecas, went to the area of Minsk. Belorussia, where Jewish families were rounded up, shot and left dead in gravel pits: On another occasion, Soviet prisoners were ordered to dig pits

see, they were then driven to the pits and shot," he said, adding that Lithuanian troops carried out the murders on German orders.

After an attack on a convoy, the Lithuanians, under the Germans, combed a forest for partisans. When they came across a village, the men were driven to the school. German officers, and Mr Gecas, went to the school. "A person was taken out to the vegetable garden and just shot there. People said there were 18. It was dusk, and as far as could see, one officer wore a German uniform, and the other a Lithuanian uniform, Mr Aleksynas said.

After he had described another incident in which a mass killing of Jews took place at Slutsk, Mr Simpson. for Mr Gecas, read him a report by the then commis-sioner for the surrounding territory. The commissioner had regretted that the incident had "bordered on sa dism", and that the town had offered a "picture of horror during the action of inde-scribable brutality, both on the part of the German police officers, and in particular on the part of the Lithuanian

Mr Simpson put it to Mr Aleksynas that Mr Gecas had not given orders to shoot Jews at the pits, that he was not at the Soviet PoW camp, he was not at the birch grove, nor was he in Slutsk. Mr Aleksynas replied: "So Gecas was nowhere at all."

When Scottish Television came to interview him, Mr Aleksynas said he was collected by car and taken to Vilnius. Although it was the procurator under the Soviet regime who told him of the event, he added that the same procurator was in place in

Vilnius today.

Asked if he felt he had been given any choice but to make the statements to Scottish Television, Mr Aleksynas replied: "I was just asked to come and I arrived. I am used not to resisting anything, and near a birch grove. Lorry in this situation, I just be-



All smiles: Marilyn Quayle, wife of the American vice-president, visiting Hawkswood school for the profoundly deaf in Chigwell, Essex, yesterday

for sale" in spite of big offers

from newspapers after her affair with Cecil Parkinson

became public, a solicitor told

Allan Hughes, who acted

for Miss Keays between 1983

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Julie Ward lover tells of romance at Kenyan lodge

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

THE last boy friend of Julie Ward, the British woman murdered in the Kenyan bush three and a half years ago, told a hushed court in Nairobi yesterday of their romantic night in a bush lodge.

Stephen Watson, aged 31, described Miss Ward, then aged 28, as romantic, independent and sympathetic. He denied insinuations from James Oreno, for the defence, that she was promiscuous.

Before Mr Justice Fidahussein Abdullah in the Nairobi High Court, Mr Watson, a former safari leader who now manages a London cinema, described how he came to spent the night with Miss Ward. Pausing to allow the translator time to turn his words into Masai, he said that he had met Miss Ward when she and a friend had broken down in her Suzuki jeep near the Mara Serena lodge. He had towed them to the bush hotel.

They spent the next two days at the hotel talking non stop about Africa and he became smitten with Miss Ward. She invited him to use the spare bed in her room.
"When I got to her room

Julie was already in bed, so I got into the other one while she sat up reading," he said. "She put down her book and

we continued chatting."
"After about two hours I got out of my bed and sat on the edge of hers and continued talking. After spending 18 to 20 hours talking to her I had become quite fond of her," he said.

Salin Dhanji, the private prosecutor hired by the Ke-

how she had instructed him

in relation to newspaper en-

quiries. "My instructions

were clear. She was not inter-

ested in them. But I consid-

ered it my professional duty to

relay any figures mentioned,

reaction?" Mr Hughes:

"Total refusal to consider

them. Her story was not for

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Mr Previte: "What was her

any offers made, to her."

nyan government, asked: "Do you think she reciprocat-

Mr Watson said: "I'm not sure. She had not made any signs to suggest so. We talked for another hour or so before I plucked up courage to lean over and kiss her first on the forehead.

"I figured if that if she showed any signs of rejecting me that I could pretend it was a kiss good night. She did not seem to object so we contin-ued to kiss for about half an hour before I climbed into her bed," said Mr Watson. whose eyes were red with tears. He said they made love and he returned to his bed.

The next day he tried to persuade Julie to put off her plans to fly to Ethiopia and Ghana before returning to England to set up a business importing African curios. They made a tentative plan to meet up again in Naivasha, which was on Mr Watson's tour route, on September 7.

By then Miss Ward had been missing for two days having been abducted from her car, which was found stuck in a gully near a sand

Two Masai game rangers. Peter Kipeen, aged 26, and Jonah Magiroi, aged 28, are charged with her murder. Both men appeared gaunt and hid their faces from the

Mr Watson's next word of Miss Ward came when he met her father, John Ward, at the British High Commission in Nairobi, as he was setting up an aerial search for his daughter. Mr Watson joined the search and described how, at the Makari rangers outpost, the base of the two accused Masai, he and Mr Ward found a battery being recharged in the sun. The prosecution is likely to try to

show that the battery came from Miss Ward's camera. Later the court was told of Miss Ward's prophetic note to Doug Morey, a pilot with Airkenya. She left a short letter on his car which said: "Gone down to the Mara for a couple of days - be back Sunday evening some time. If you fly over a little Suzuki stuck in the mud down there

The trial continues today.

Drivers hold key to thefts

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

ONE in three people leave their vehicles unlocked at some time, according to a survey published yesterday at the launch of a £5 million campaign to cut car theft.

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The findings showed that one in ten people regularly left their vehicle unlocked, most commonly at petrol stations, outside shops and their homes during the day.

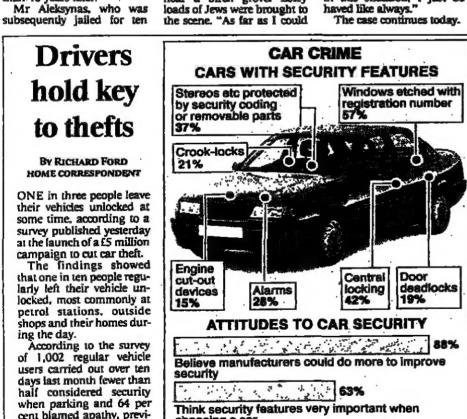
According to the survey of 1,002 regular vehicle users carried out over ten days last month fewer than half considered security when parking and 64 per cent blamed apathy, previous luck and the low value of the car for doing nothing to improve the protection of their vehicles.

The government's car crime prevention year is intended to reverse what is seen by Home Office ministers as the public's casual attitude towards thefts of and from ears. It includes television and radio commercials plus a national car care week in June.

European cars, pages 24-6

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60% Would pay £100 or more for improved car security 56% Consider they could do more themselves Would pay 2300 or more for improved car security

Dealer has to return heirlooms AN ANTIQUES dealer who

paid an elderly woman £1,400 for heirlooms valued at £30,000 was yesterday ordered by a judge to hand

The items, bought from the "Aladdin's cave" home of 70descended from an Anglo-Indian family that produced several eminent late 18th century and Victorian artists - included a £25,000 painting, Beauty and the Beast, by Valentine Prinsep, a Victor-

ian Royal Academician.
Judge Diamond, in the
High Court, held that Robert
Barrett had obtained the items, including jewellery and ornaments, by fraudulent misrepresentation. He ordered that paintings now held at a London auction house be returned to Miss Prinsep and her brother. Ivan, aged 64, a business

consultant in Switzerland. Mr Barrett, aged 44, was ordered to pay £2,965 damages for items sold before the court case, plus legal costs. He will get back his £1,400. The judge ruled that Mr Barrett's dealings during two

visits to Miss Prinsep's flat, in Knightsbridge, west London, in 1989 were invalidated by his misrepresentations. Mr Barrett, who lives in the

Brighton area but gave Miss Prinsep a "contact" address in Kensington Church Street - centre of the London antiques trade - agreed that he was not an antiques expert. the judge said, but had repre-sented himself as able to give valuations comparable to those made by Sotheby's. He had described Miss Prinsep's flat as an "Aladdin's Cave"

The judge said that Miss Prinsep suffered from depression and had spent some time in hospital under a mental health order after parting with the heirlooms. She was vulnerable and naive. Miss Prinsep had sued

through a legal "next friend".

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Cider expects Europe to do its duty opinion on the commission's draft By ROBIN YOUNG the argument that eider, made from directive. apples, and perry, made from pears, THE European parliament was mulling should be subject to the same rates of over a traditional pint of English cider duty as wine. yesterday. On the outcome of its delib-The effect in Britain would be to erations, the National Association of increase duty on a pint of cider from Cider Makers believes, may depend the about 12p to 56 p, and that, says the makes little difference." future of the £600 million British indus-National Association of Cider Makers, try, which makes more cider than all of would mean we could say goodbye to the rest of Europe put together. the market overnight". They argue that The European Commission, in draftrates of duty have evolved to take account of how drinks are used, as well as ing a directive intended to bring a measure of harmonisation to duties levied

Leave their cars unlocked at some time

how they are made. Cider, they say, is a competitor to beer, not wine, and alcoholic drinks, followed a European should be taxed accordingly. Court of Justice ruling that anything The cider makers' cause, supported by all the main political parties in Britain, made from fermenting fruit should be treated as wine. has been championed by Mel Read, Labour Euro-MP for Leicester. As a The court was upholding a complaint that Denmark had been using lower rates of duty to favour its production of member of the European parliament's economic and monetary affairs commitfruit wines against imported wines tee, Mrs Read was in a position to table amendments to the parliament's draft made from grapes. By making its ruling

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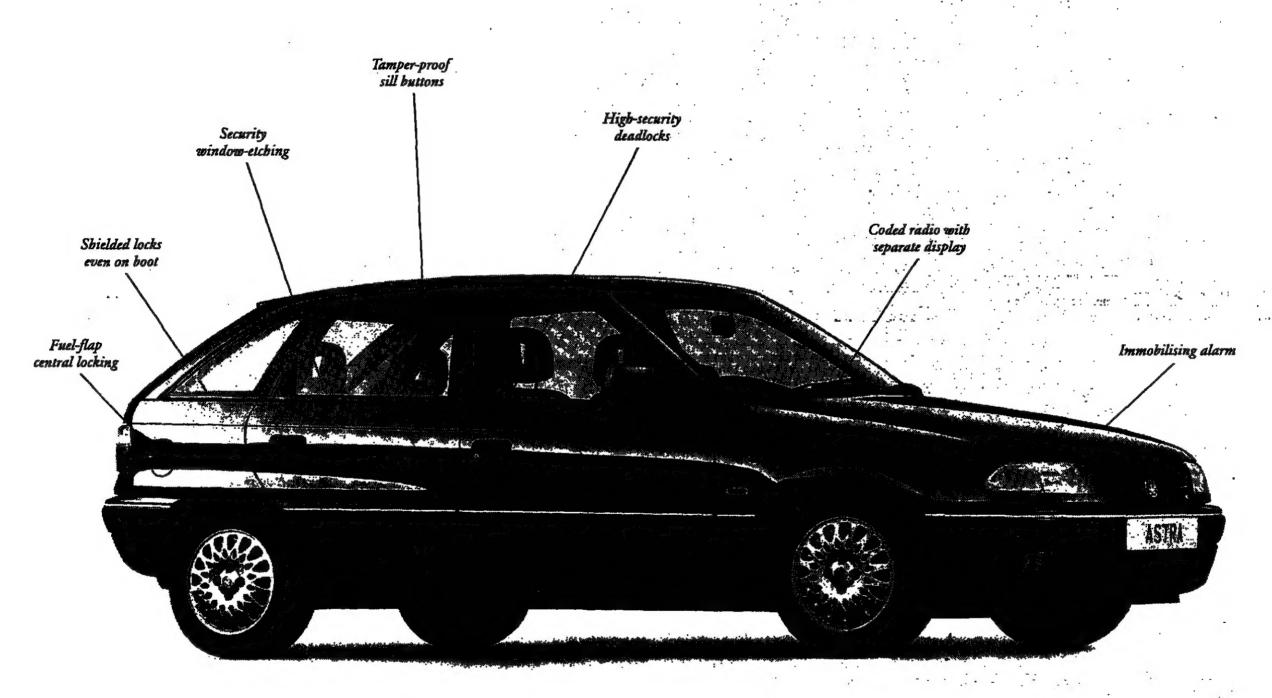
A spokesman for the National Association of Cider Makers said: "The issue

is really only of concern in the United Kingdom. In other member states, the duty levels on wine are so low that it Cider has enjoyed a resurgence in

Britain lately, with sales topping a record 75 million gallons last year. The biggest sellers, excluding supermarkets' own labels, are Bulmer's Strongbow, Gaymer's Olde English, Bulmer's Woodpecker, Merrydown, and Taunton's Dry Blackthorn.

However, cider's advance partly reflects the launch of drier premium brands, including Taunton's Diamond White, Dry Blackthorn and Red Rock. Bulmer's Mac. Gaymer's Iced Dragon and Showerings' "K", which is at the upper limit of strength for eider without being subject to a heavier rate of duty.

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Durham cuts clergy jobs as Church tightens belt

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Durham, who recently branded the government "stupid" for permitting the loss of 1,300 jobs in the Yorkshire coalfield, is to announce the loss of one in eight clergy jobs in his diocese, it was disclosed

Churchgoers will learn of the cuts in a pastoral letter to the clergy, to be read from Sunday. The Rt Rev David Jenkins describes a programme of "rational-ising our parishes, deanery by deanery". Ten posts have al-ready gone and 26 will follow. reducing the number to 282.

Durham is the fourth of England's 43 dioceses to announce job cuts, all of which will go through natural wastage. More dioceses, faced with cuts in stipend contributions from the Church Commissioners, are expected to follow this year.

The latest cuts come as priests in the Church of England begin to face the spectre of unemployment. Although most still have security through the ciergy freehold, a "job for life", those who wish

Medical error laws dismissed as a lottery

By THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE court system for dealing with medical negligence claims is a lottery that gives big awards to some and leaves others in poverty, the Spastics Society says today.

An alternative scheme of 'no-fault" compensation, in which an award is made without the need to prove negligence, would be largely irrelevant in many cases of cereb-ral palsy, the society says in a report. Medical intervention, or lack of it, has nothing to do with most cases of cerebral palsy, but, under the no-fault scheme, it would need to be shown to be the cause of disability, said Brian Lamb, the society's head of campaigns and co-author of the report.

The disorder accounts for 80 per cent of big settlements of negligence claims, but few actions are successful, according to the report. It calls for a comprehensive disability income scheme linked to need, and legal reforms to make the medical profession more accountable for negligence.

No-fault compensation is not the quick fix many people would like it to be," Mr Lamb said vesterday. "Parents want financial security for their child's future and information about the birth itself. A no-fault scheme is deficient on both counts.

The current option of pursuing negligence claims through the courts is clearly unfair. What we have is a state lottery which leaves some people adequately sup-ported and others in poverty."

About 1,500 such children are born every year. Last year, parents of 600 began legal action. Evidence shows that 85 per cent of cerebral palsy arises during pregnancy or after delivery is completed. the report says.

Paying for Disability: No Fault Compensation - Panacea or Pandora's Box (the Spastics Society, 12 Park Crescent, London WIN 4EQ; £2.95)

to move on are finding it increasingly difficult to do so. Durham is the second diocese to announce the suspension of all freeholds which become vacant in order to rationalise

A report published this week shows a record number of priests seeking new jobs signed up with the Church's official employment agency last year. More than 500 sought help from Canon Ian Hardaker, appointments adviser for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, up 48 from 1990.

Canon Hardaker says in his annual report: "The increase in the number of requests for assistance may also be due to some contraction in the number of posts

Some dioceses were cutting clergy jobs to stay within their budgets. "There will in consequence be some men and women looking for posts in other dioceses who, two years ago, would have been able to remain in their own diocese."

It is unlikely other dioceses will be able to absorb the surplus priests and deacons and there are fewer jobs available. "In consequence, those who wish to move are going to find it increasingly difficult to do so". He said that so many clergy were looking for new jobs that his staff were stretched to the limit.

Canon Hardaker says that the increase may be because clergy no longer object to their names going on a list for circulation to bishops. His report is proof that the

days when the second sons of gentry obtained wealthy livings in the Church of England through word of mouth and patronage are over. As the recession continues to hit the Church Commissioners about one fifth of the Church's dioceses in England are considering big cuts.

There is no register of unemployed priests, and one Church spokesman said there was "no such thing" as an unemployed priest. However, fewer candidates are putting themselves forward for ordination and the number of serving clergy fell from 11,500 in 1989 to 11,400 in

Two dioceses, Chelmsford and Lincoln, have already announced plans to cut clergy by up to 10 per cent through natural wastage. Liverpool has proposed a reorganisation in the city centre which would result in a cut in clergy

Canon Hardaker said: 'Nobody keeps statistics on unemployed clergy. I do not think unemployment is a problem for the clergy at the moment, but there are not quite as many vacancies around as there used to be."



Raising a fortune: Victoria Code, of Christie's in London, with part of the 28.000-piece Vung Tau cargo salvaged from the sea

Chinese porcelain for sale after 300 years at sea

A CARGO of Chinese porcelain that sank off the southem coast of Vietnam 300 years ago is expected to fetch £1.5 million at Christie's, in Amsterdam, in

Some of the 28,000 blue and white goblets, vases and teapots are encrusted with barnacles but most look as fresh as the day the ship set sail, its cargo destined for the European market. This boost for a moribund art market comes from one of the world's last remaining communist bastions, the Vietnamese government.

The treasure was discovered in 1989 by a Vietnamese fisherman trawling for shellfish who snagged his net on an obstruction 120ft below the surface. The ob-struction turned out to be the remains of an Asian junk, originally about 110ft ng and 33ft wide, packed with crockery.
The Vietnamese Salvage

Corporation, a state-owned

THE international ban on

the ivory trade alone is not

enough to save the African elephant, the World Wide Fund for Nature said

yesterday. Senior fund officials at-

tacked this "simplistic" belief

in western countries. They

said that substantial aid for

anti-poaching and other

measures were also necessary.

and perhaps some trade in elephant products such as

hides - anathema to some

environmental groups -

A treasure trove of blue and white porcelain, which lay submerged in the South China Sea for about 300 years, is estimated to fetch £1.5 million at auction, Sarah Jane Checkland writes

Tusk forces square up over elephants

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

company of the ministry of transport and communications, took on the task of salvaging the cargo as a commercial opportunity. The corporation is a government monopoly which undertakes all salvage and sea-bed investigations within the territorial waters of Vietnam. The Swedish company Sverker Hallstrom was enlisted to provide surveying skills and remotecontrolled diving vehicles. Interruptions by monsoons meant that the retrieval of the entire cargo took three

Archaeologists believe that the junk was a South East Asian trading vessel almost certainly bound for the city of Batavia, now Jakarta.

countries will attempt to over-

turn at next month's confer-

ence in Japan of the Conv-

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Trade in Endangered Spe-

cies. "We strongly oppose any resumed trade because it

risks stimulating poaching elsewhere on the African con-

senior conservation officer for the WWF tinent," said Simon Lyster.

Dr Lyster said the fund

would support trade in non-

ivory products for certain

countries, under strict condi-

tions, if it was the only way to

guarantee their support for

the ivory ban. Some pressure

groups, he said, such as Brit-

one of the centres for the Dutch trading empire. The premature end to its voyage may have caused by the many pirates who roamed those seas, but it seems more likely that there was a fire on board. Wood salvaged from the wreck indicates that when the vessel sank it had been burnt to the water line.

Apart from a few metal boxes, presumably owned by sailors, the wreck discloses nothing about the crew or its circumstances. Because of this lack of evidence, the consignment has been named the Vung Tau cargo after the nearest city in Vietnam to where it was found.

Christie's has gained a reputation for selling trea-

gation Agency, would no doubt call that "selling out

the elephant", but their mess-

the environmental movement

between animal welfare cam-

paigners, who believe that all life is sacred, and conserva-

tionists who claim that some

animals such as the elephant

populations have an econom-

will only be saved if local

John Newby, director of

WWF's Africa programme, and Holly Dublin, the fund's

elephant expert in Kenya.

said the West was too

Eurocentric. "We have to look

There is a growing split in

age was misguided.

sures from wrecks since its £10 million sale of the socalled Nanking cargo on behalf of the adventurer Captain Michael Hatcher. Colin Sheaf, Christie's Chi-

nese expert, said that he had been approached by the Vietnamese government to undertake the latest project.
Whereas the Nanking cargo consisted mainly of table-ware, the Vung Tau consimilar fate. signment was never intended to have a practical function. "It is porcelain for

dressing a room, not to eat dinner off," said Mr Sheaf, who hopes to stimulate a trade with Vietnam. Mr Sheaf said yesterday return of the 17th century fashion for decorating walls and mantelpieces with "garnitures" or sets of jars in

various shapes.

A video recording has been made for potential buyers. Viscount Linley, the furniture maker, is seen on it admiring a wall bulging with jars, and discussing how the porcelain could be

to Africans," Mr Newby said.
"Many Africans do not want

to live with elephants if it

means them trampling down

their crops." The self-satisfac-tion in the West after the ban

was brought in was not

mand for elephant products

was completely killed, many

more elephants might be sen-tenced to death, because they

would cease to have economic

relevance to the local people.

Simply putting elephants in

national parks, did not work.

she said, as most countries

were too poor to carry out the

necessary conservation

Dr Dublin said that if de-

enough, he said.

displayed in the homes of

Some dealers have ex-ressed fears that Christie's is about to flood the market with blue and white porcelain. The few items from the Nanking cargo that have been offered back on the market recently, they said, had not fared well, and the Vung Tau cargo may suffer a

Christie's faces a further difficulty in that its biggest group of potential collectors, from America, are banned from buying be-cause of a US embargo on

that there were many fur-ther wrecks full of similar cargoes off the Vietnamese coast, and if all went well, the market could expect more similar sales. It is not inconceivable that Chinese blue and white porcelain suddenly becomes the big-gest design phenomenon of the Nineties.

35 held

in drugs

raids

RV STEWART TENDLER

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THIRTY-FIVE people were

arrested yesterday in an oper-ation aimed at breaking a

growing market in crack, her-

oin, and other drugs on the

streets around King's Cross

In raids on 24 homes in

north and south London,

police discovered 75 pieces of

crack, the powerful cocaine derivative, including 60 hid-

den in the toe of a woman's

shoe. The raids were carried out by 300 officers drawn

together after a six-week sur-veillance operation by under-

Commander Barry Moss,

head of operations for the

police area covering the sta-

tion, said that an increase in

drug dealing had become ap-parent from local officers' re-ports. The officers had been

unable to stem the trade and

people living or working near

Mr Moss said that several

gangs were dealing in drugs

on the streets and making

substantial profits. One kilo-

gram of cocaine costing £30,000 could yield 5,000 "rocks" of crack at £25 each.

by had begun to complain.

station, London.

cover officers.

Porter is cleared of sex attack on rambler

A man was cleared yesterday of a sex attack that left a woman rambler brain-damaged and disabled for life. Darren Nichol, aged 24, was accused of attempting to murder Josephine Chandler during a coast-to-coast walk across the north of England.

He was acquitted after a five-day trial at Teesside crown court in which he did not give evidence. Det Chief Supt Robin Cooper, who led the investigation, said after the verdict: "I will not be reopening the case." Mrs Chandler, a senior

occupational therapist aged 48, of Chepstow, Gwent, was by the Swale near Catterick Bridge, North Yorkshire, when she was attacked in August 1990. She was found by the riverside, badly battered about the head, unconscious and almost naked.

James Spencer, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that the attack had left the fit, active and outgoing Mrs Chandler permanently braindamaged and disabled and unable to remember any thing about it. He alleged that Nichol had assaulted her when she refused his sexual advances.

Nichol, a kitchen porter, of Darlington, Co Durham, was advised by a lawyer not to say anything to police when he was arrested two months after the attack except: "I didn't do anything — I am

Rape case man found dead

A social worker facing charges of indecent assault and rape was found dead with his lover in a fume-filled car by their house in Little Hulton, Greater Manchester. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances sur-rounding the deaths of Alan Bridges, aged 55, and Sheila Knowles, aged 42. Mr Bridges was to stand trial at Bolton crown court next

Mortar alert

Offices in the centre of Edinburgh were evacuated for two hours while army bomb experts detonated second world var grenades, mortars an large number of bullets in a controlled explosion. They were found by workmen digging a trench.

New station

British Rail is to to build a £50 million station in Birmingham's Heartlands development area. It is expected to be completed in the mid-1990s and will be served by all InterCity services now calling at New Street.

Pollution fine

British Steel was fined £10,000 for polluting a wildlife haven on the Tees estuary with effluent from its plant at Redcar, Cleveland. The company blamed freak winds which had caused tanks to

Four charges

Four drug charges against the Marquess of Bristol, aged 37, were adjourned for six weeks by magistrates at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, after his counsel said he was midway through detoxification treatment at a London clinic.

Super eel

An 8th conger eel weighing 123lbs caught off Scarbor-ough was landed at Grimsby. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the heaviest conger is 110lbs 8oz.

should be allowed. At a meeting in London the fund reiterated its support for the two-year-old ivory ban, which a number of African at how elephants are relevant ain's Environmental Investi-Franklin memory kept alive Lawyers protest at

ic interest

legal aid delay

AS NEARLY 2,000 solicitors gather in London today to confront the Lord Chancellor over his proposals for legal aid fees, the Law Society is urging another minister to intervene over an "intolerable" backlog of millions of pounds owed in legal aid fees.

Philip Ely, president of the Law Society, has urged Mich-ael Howard, the employment secretary with responsibility

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BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT for policy on small businesses, to investigate widescale de-

lays in payments to lawyers and forensic scientists. Yesterday, the society said: "Many firms are reeling from the effect of delays in payment brought about by the government, which now owes millions of pounds in up-wards of 1,500 cases where the defence has completed the job and sent the bill to the crown court for payment."

The society says that in December nearly 50 per cent of these bills had been unpaid for more than five months.

The appeal to Mr Howard comes on the eve of the first national protest rally by solic-itors in England and Wales. The lawyers are angry about plans for fixed fees for legal aid work in magistrates' courts in place of hourly rates, and say that the change would make many of them give up legal aid work.

Mr Ely is taking up an offer made last October by Mr Howard, who said: "My de-partment will take up any cases that are made to us about late payment by govemment departments.

Mr Ely, in a letter to Mr Howard, says that most law firms have five partners or fewer and that legal aid firms rely on prompt payment, with many using loans "to enable them to stay in business".

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By JOHN YOUNG THE United States congress will vote soon on whether to provide about £830.000 towards the restoration of a Georgian terrace house near Charing Cross, central London, the home for 16 years of Benjamin Franklin. one of the fathers of the

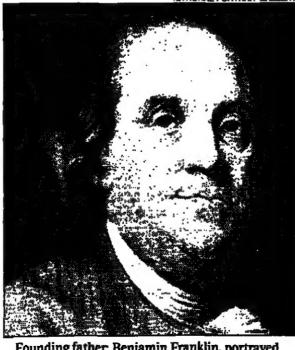
American revolution.

The Friends of Benjamin
Franklin House hope to raise about £15 million to restore the house as a museum, buy the two adjoining properties to provide offices and a study centre, and endow scholarships for American students to attend British universities. The group's supporters include President Bush and Margaret Thatcher. Franklin was born in Bos-

ton, Massachusetts, in 1706, the 17th and youngest son of an English candlestickmaker who had emigrated from Banbury. Oxfordshire. At the age of 17 he left home for Philadelphia, where he became a

journalist and politician. In 1757 he arrived in London where he found "genteel lodgings" at 36 Craven Street. Although he was officially accredited to the Court of St James as the representative of the Philadelphia assembly, he became de facto spokesman for all the American colonies - in effect the first American ambassador.

During his time in London he edited his own newspaper, produced pam-



Founding father: Benjamin Franklin, portrayed in the style of Joseph Siffred Duplessis

phlets defending the rights of the American colonists. and wrote several learned papers for the Royal Society. He also introduced the concept of daylight saving time, and is credited with having invented bifocal spectacles and watertight bulkheads for ships, and having drawn the first accurate map of the Gulf Stream. He was awarded honorary degrees by five British universities.

His efforts to prevent a break between the American colonies and the mother country, however, ended in despair. In 1775 he left London for the last time, and is widely credited with having played the principal part in drafting the Declaration of Independence.

The house was damaged

by incendiary bombs in the second world war and was later damaged by vandals. In 1989, at Mrs Thatcher's instigation, the house was presented to the Friends by its owner, the British Rail Property Board, and restoration work began last June. It is hoped to complete the work early next year.

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The voice of reason?

This gentleman would like us to change the way we do certain things in this country.

And to be fair, there are others who feel as he does. This week a Member of Parliament will introduce a Private Member's Bill which, if enacted, would do just what our friend above would like. It would ban hunting in Britain.

This would be a tragedy for Britain, and a disaster for our countryside.

Hunting is an important part of life in the country, and is one of the forces which shapes the very appearance of the countryside.

If it were not for hunting and other country sports, much of our woodland and many of our hedgerows, which are

the support for an extraordinary range of wildlife, would simply not exist.

Foxes are certainly not harmless and domesticated creatures. They are cunning and ruthless predators and they inflict great damage. Reducing the fox population by hunting is not cruel. If it were, few people would support it. Yet, every week during the season, hundreds of thousands of men and women from all walks of life come out to support hunts throughout Britain.

They enjoy the atmosphere and the display, reassured by the knowledge that generations before them did the same. They watch the skill of man and hound working together. They appreciate and respect country ways.

But for some people hunting is much more than a pastime. Many families, in fact, derive their livelihood from it. Independent research shows that well over sixteen thousand people, many living in areas of high unemployment, would lose their jobs if hunting were to be banned - the equivalent of closing Ravenscraig twelve times over!

Those who support hunting believe that this important part of the British way of life must be protected. People who hunt care about animals. They also care passionately about the countryside, and wish to protect and preserve it for the generations who are yet to come.

Thousands ask only that they be allowed to do so.

he voice of reason:

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Challenger orders his generals to the war room for final election assault



Bill Morris: a baptism

call together senior members of the shadow cabinet, national executive and trade unions to draw up a battle plan for the final month before the general election cam-

paign proper gets under way.

As he did in 1987 Mr Kinnock has formed his leader's committee", which traditionally oversees the campaign, well before the election is called. His predecessors used to wait until the starting gun was fired.

The membership of the committee is never officially announced, and its doings are secret. It is the apex of a pyramid of informal committees which for months, under

Labour's "leader's committee", which reflects all wings of the party, is preparing itself for battle in the months ahead, Philip Webster reports

Morris and John Edmonds.

For Mr Morris it will be a

baptism of fire; he officially

takes over from Ron Todd as

al secretary of the GMB gen-

eral union and one of the most influential figures in the

movement, also sat on the

committee in 1987.

Cunningham, the campaign's co-ordinator, have been quietly plotting the

takes over from Ron Todd as
It is chosen to reflect the general secretary of the transport workers' union next March. Mr Edmonds, generthree main arms of the party, the shadow cabinet representing the party in parliament, the national executive representing the party in the country, and the trade unions, who will put up most of the money for the campaign.

The two key union figures

Shadow cabinet members of the committee include Roy on the committee are Bill Hattersley, the deputy leader.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, Mr Cunning-ham, Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary and campaign chief at the last election.

From the national executive Mr Kinnock has chosen. among others, John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, and Jo Richardson, spokesman on women's rights. Both are also members of the shadow cabinet.

Surprise has been voiced among some Labour MPs that Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, and Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, two of the party's fastest rising stars, are not on the committee. Both of them, however, are known to

Kinnock wanted to keep the size of the committee within bounds and there were limited places.

Any suggestions that Mr Blair and Mr Brown are being squeezed out are wide of the mark. Both have already been earmarked for high-profile roles during the

campaign.

Mr Brown, it is understood, is a member of the key group that meets every Monday morning to draw up the strategy for the week ahead. Chaired by Mr Cunningham. it is usually attended by Mr Hattersley, Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, Bryan Gould, and key party officials such as David Hill,

and representatives from Mr Kinnock's Commons office.

Each day there are smaller meetings, usually in Mr Cunningham's office, attended by Mr Hill, Philip Gould, who heads the shadow communications agency, which coordinates party research, polling and advertising activities, and the shadow ministers involved in the day's

campaigning launches. Mr Cunningham also chairs another committee that is engaged purely on tactics for the election campaign itself, and there are subgroups developing the party's strategy for London, and co-ordinating the fight for marginal seats. Their

Kinnock's committee.

Mr Cunningham has been engaged on election planning from the time he was appointed campaign co-ordinator well over two years ago. According to insiders the machine is well-oiled, having aiready been cranked up twice for possible elections last June and in November.

Labour's strategy has been based throughout on trying to close down John Major's options as they arise. But when they meet in the shadow cabinet room next week the members of the leader's committee will be working, like virtually everyone else at Westminster. on the expectation that April

AROUND THE LOBBY

Delay over

governor

for colony

The new governor of Hong Kong is unlikely to be appointed until after the general election, the Earl of Caithness, a for-

eign office minister, said in

Beoch, who was governor of the colony from 1971 to 1982, said the present was

appointment, throwing in a

tainty and misunderstand-

ing when they had just got back on the rails after the mass killings in Tiananmen Square, Pe-king, in June 1989.

Estate cash

The estate action pro-

Lord MacLehose of

not a good time for the

new element of uncer-

the Lords.

Opposition attacks lack of funding for new employment plans

Tories welcome workplace reform

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND PETER MULLIGAN

ployment secretary, as creating new "ladders of opportunity" starting at school and continuing through life.

Ministers are seeking to present the white paper People, Jobs and Opportunity, as Britain's answer to the EC social charter. But Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, condemned the lack of new spending promised to back up the plans:
"The only jobs Mr Howard
and his colleagues are interested in saving in the coming
weeks are their own jobs at
the general election. Like so much else in the last 13 years. they will fail in that too."

Conservative MPs were admitting that the white paper was a clear electioneering exercise and Tory supporters offered only limited backing as Mr Howard was ques-tioned on his Commons

The white paper marks a further government effort to promote the substition of individual contracts for collective bargaining, but Mr Blair criticised its "anti-poaching" provisions as weak. The white paper set out a series of proposals designed to limit trade union power and encourage individuals to "negotiate" directly with their employers. It is intended to promote the development of a highly trained, flexible workforce, responsive to local variations

The incidents were not re-lated, but Francis Maude, financial secretary

to the Treasury, was unable yesterday to attend a press

conference at which he was

to announce to eight million

grateful "customers" that in

future their taxes will be col-

lected, if not with a smile,

then in a more efficient and

Mr Maude was trapped inside the Treasury in

Whitehall because of a sec-

urity alert and was unable to

travel the mile or so to Som-

erset House where he was due to outline the latest

manifestation of John Ma-

Had he been able to make

the journey, he would have

said: "People don't expect to love the Inland Revenue.

But the collection of tax is

an uncomfortable necessity.

All the more reason for it to

more good news. He would

have added: "That doesn't

mean squeezing every last

penny out of the taxpayer. It

does mean, as the Taxpay-

er's Charter says, that tax-payers are entitled to expect

the Inland Revenue to col-

lect the right amount of tax

in a fair. helpful, efficient

In spite of the new mood

country, Mr Maude, or his

speechwriter, continued in a

vein which had about it ech-

oes of the Somme. Referring to his employees he said: "Already, all frontline staff wear name badges, identify themselves on the telephone

and sign their own letters."

department's 800 (sic) main

customer forms are being

assessed to see how easy

they are to complete, how

they inter-relate with each

other and whether any can

As part of the process, the

and accountable way."

jor's citizen's charter.

caring manner.

GOVERNMENT plans announced yesterday for the reform of employment law and training practice were hailed by Michael Howard, the employees to be able to enforce contractual severance terms through an industrial tribunal rather than the civil courts, saving both time and

> The government is also seeking suggestions about how best it can promote legally enforceable contracts between employees and employers on training However, many personnel managers believe such contracts, which could give rise to payment of "transfer fees" for skilled workers, to be largely unworkable. Mr Blair said that the proposal to reimburse employers should an employee receiving training leave prematurely had been "kicking around for years" but had been rejected because people left jobs to seek promotion or

for family reasons.

Mr Howard also plans to implement a European Commission directive requiring everyone employed for more than eight hours a week to receive a contract.

Most of the changes represent little more than finetuning of the existing strategy, however. Nor will they cost the government much money. Mr Howard said the most significant new proposal was a scheme to introduce credits which would enable workers to buy careers guidance and counselling about training.

The scheme, to be adminisin pay and conditions. tered by selected Training
The government plans a and Enterprise Councils

be done away with. One of

the main changes will be a redesigned and simplified general tax return form for

people receive and the one

which the majority consider so baffling they never com-

planned to say: Taxpayers are entitled to know where they stand. They should be able to get answers to ques-

tions. They are entitled to have letters answered fully

and promptly. They should know who to complain to if

things go wrong. And they shouldn't have to fight their way through labyrinthine forms and delphic leaflets."

Mr Maude, from his press release, said the

latest measures would involve a target time of 28

days for tax staff to reply to customers' letters. He aims

flexible opening hours of tax

enquiry centres by trying, from April, early morning and evening opening in 17

Also from April, there will

be named customer service managers in each of 34 reve-

nue executive offices which

are being established. To

complete customer satisfac-

tion, the revenue's extensive

range of leaflets will be col-

our coded to make them

more attractive to read.

Teach-yourself tax videos

will also be available for

people running small

Sadly, Mr Maude has dis-

counted any suggestion of taxpayers being able to claim a rebate if the tax

charter does not live up to

businesses.

expectations.

Mr Maude had also

plete in time.

A smile on the face

of your caring,

sharing taxman

BY TIM JONES



union power. Users of a pub-lic service would be enabled to take legal action against unlawful disruption caused by industrial action. The govern-ment also plans to assist people to become members of the trade union of their choice, to compel union leaders to publish details of their salaries, and prevent abuse of the "check-off" arrangements under which union subscrip-tions are deducted from

workers' pay.
Labour MPs scorned Mr
Howard when he admitted there would no "new" money for the initiative, which would be funded out of the existing budget. He said the cost over two years of the "skill check" initiative would be £25 million, while the pilot scheme for vouchers for the unemployed would be £3 million.

We shall make the necessary funds available. I shall be discussing in due course with David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, exactly

PADDY Ashdown staked his

general election hopes yester-day on convincing voters that

good government could come

about only through far-reach-

Launching a Good Gov-ernment Guide the Liberal

Democrat leader said he rec-

ognised the risks from his

strategy but believed there

was a far greater prize to be

ing political reforms.



Howard: praising "ladders of opportunity" where the money is to be

found," he said. In electioneering question time exchanges earlier, Eric Forth, the junior employment minister, claimed that flying pickets and violent protests could return under a Labour government. He said chaotic scenes such as those during

Ashdown goes for the PR prize

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

stand that Britain's weakness

is the fault not just of those in

government, but of the sys-

To endorse the party's com-

mitment to constitutional re-

form, three of his MPs,

Menzies Campbell, Robert

Madennan and Jim Wallace,

are promoting bills advocat-

ing home rule for Scotland, a

proportional representation

tem of government itself."

the 1984 miners' strike had been stopped by the governcies. Only 765,000 working days had been lost to industrial action over the 12 months to November 1991, the lowest figure for 70 years. People, Jobs and Opportunity. HMSO, £8.60.

broadcast will also be devoted

to the need to change the

Mr Ashdown, who has

made reform of the voting

system a pre-condition for

dealing with a minority gov-

ernment after the general

political system.

halt job losses NEIL Kinnock last night he said, that at least an extra

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

Kinnock calls

for action to

wrote to the prime minister demanding "direct action" to curb rising unemployment, while Conservative MPs exploited the government's increase for teachers' pay to criticise Labour's tax policies. Following the announce-ment of heavy redundancies by the Gateway supermarket chain. Mr Kinnock urged the

government to provide incentives for manufacturers to bring forward investment as the CBI had urged. He also wanted them to begin a phased release of local authority capital assets to combat the severe recession in construction industries. The government should not, he said, continue to depend solely on an upswing in consump-tion which was not yet per-ceptible and which would not prevent unemployment con-tinuing to rise for some months to come even when it did materialise.

In the Commons, on the prompting of Tory MP Andrew Mackay (Berkshire East), John Major confirmed to MPs that more than 120,000 teachers were already earning more than the £20,280 a year ceiling for national insurance contributions which Labour intends to

The government believed, British companies."

KENNETH Clarke yesterday

sought to reassure MPs that

adult education courses

would not be affected by

changes in the provision of

higher and further education

which he is putting forward.

There was no threat to the

existing pattern of adult non-

vocational education, he told

Moving the second reading

of the Higher and Further Education Bill, the education

secretary said that local au-

thorities would continue to be

responsible for adult educa-

tion. The level of fees and the

the Commons.

Classes for adults

safe, MPs are told

BY OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

50,000 would fall into that category following its acceptance in full of this year's public sector pay awards. Conservatives, he emphasised, had no plans to raise the national insurance contributions ceiling.

In further exchanges the prime minister said: "We believe that excess taxation is iniquitous when we are seeking to encourage people both to save and invest in our

economy."

Questioned by Robert Sheldon, the former Labour Treasury minister who sits for Ashton-under-Lyme, about the government's degree of responsibility for the growing number of failed companies, Mr Major was less forthcoming. He replied: "As you know, the essential basics to make sure things are right are to keep inflation down, keep interest rates down, have the right tax structures and continue with the improve-ments in industrial relations

we have had in recent years."
He insisted that the CBI was opposed absolutely to Labour's proposals on tax changes, a minimum wage and trade union laws. "Each of those policies would be deadly for the future of Brit-

matters for the local educa-

tion authority. They would

receive funds to enable them

to carry out their duty to

provide adult courses. The level of subsidy would be a

The bill removes colleges of

further and higher education

from local government con-

trol, with their funds being

provided by a funding coun-

cil. Mr Clarke emphasised

that the polytechnics had thrived since they had

changed to this system a few

years ago. He said that young people

would need to be better edu-

cated and trained to be able

to face up to the demands of

modern life. This meant pro-

viding a wider range of fur-

ther education opportunities,

and this the bill would do.

There had to be a more

diverse range of institutions

and colleges to provide a wid-

er range of academic and

vocational courses without

any diminution of standards.

Mr Clarke envisaged up to 90 per cent of all young people

attending some type of

The bill also allows poly-technics to call themselves

universities, and Mr Clarke

said that if they changed their

names he hoped they would retain their existing ethos.

He accepted changes to the bill made when the govern-

ment was defeated in the

Lords. One change is to en-

sure the provision of religious

education in sixth form col-

leges, and another provides

for a weekly act of worship.

matter for the authority.

gramme has now passed the £1 billion mark, Tim Yeo, an environment minis nounced the allocation of a further £16 million. The total has been allocated to or earmarked for about 1,000 schemes in the government's programme for the worst rundown council housing estates. In the next financial year the budget for the programme will rise to £364 million.

Peace dividend

The attainment of peace in Angola has opened the prospect of a more sub-stantial aid involvement. Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said in a written reply. Present British plans include help for forthcoming elections and for resettlement of refugees, displaced persons and ex-combatants; and continued help with teaching English.

Schools limit

The transport department is to conduct trials with 20mph speed limits outside schools at times when children are arriving or leaving. Christopher Chope, the roads and traffic minister, said in a written reply.

Aid continues

The government is to continue with aid projects in Indonesia already agreed, despite the East Timor shootings last November, Lynda Chalker, overseas aid minister, said in a written reply.

Under review

Wages councils have no permanent place in the labour market and their operation remains under review, Eric Forth, an employment minister, said in a witten reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-

tions: Trade and industry. Consolidated Fund Bill when a variety of topics can be raised. Museums and Galleries Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debates

on weapons of mass destruction and on the Scottish economy.

election, said yesterday that Britain's problems would not be solved by a change of nameplate on 10 Downing system of voting and a Bill of Rights. won. "More and more people range of courses would be are now coming to under-Labour pledges better deal for women By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

with Labour. to improve the quality and effectiveness of replies and to test the demand for more

Ladies' man: Neil Kinnock, with some of his shadow cabinet, launches a women's campaign

NEIL Kinnock yesterday promised a better deal for women under a Labour government. Launching a new magazine spelling out the party's policies for improved benefits for women, Mr Kinnock said that women made up the majority of the population, the majority of carers and the majority of the

poor.
"This working and caring majority has been neglected by a Tory government that has been and continues to be both indifferent to the real circumstances of women and willing to ignore their great potential." Mr Kinnock said. The party would ensure there was a nursery education place for every three- and four-yearold whose parents wanted it by the year 2000.

Hilary Armstrong, Labour's spokesman for childhood services, said that more than 22,000 extra nursery places could be provided in the first year, funded from the £50 million capital switched from the city technology programme.

Revenue costs would be released by making sure that Tory councils did not divert money allocated for underfives to keep poll tax bilis down. At least 20 local education authorities were not spending their full allocation from the standard spending

fives. If these Tory councils were forced to spend their allocation this would provide 22,930 places, she said.

Mr Kinnock, who was ioined on the platform by seven women shadow ministers, said Labour would ensure that the "enterprise, energy, skill and judgment of women are fully utilised in shaping the future".

The present government had reduced basic employment and benefit rights and cut training opportunities for women, he said. "There is not a single

woman in the cabinet, and the government has refused to adopt any part of the social charter and now the social chapter, which would help to provide decent working conditions for women in

Labour would introduce new rights and protection for part-time workers, improve maternity rights, introduce a minimum wage and new rights to training, backed by new ministry of women, he

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister. dismissed Labour's proposals as "a string of vague and largely uncosted commitments laced with a sprinkling of lofty sentiments, few of which address

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The Soviet coup attempt

Jailed plotters offer verse and vitriol

By Igor Baranovsky and Bruce Clark in Moscow

AS ROMANTIC memories of last August fade and nostalgia grows in some quarters for strong, old-fashioned government, the 13 generals, spies and bureaucrats jailed after the coup have grown increasingly bold in the statements they are managing to convey to the public.

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In recent days, the disgraced defence minister,
Dmitri Yazov — the man who called himself an "old fool" after the rebellion collapsed — has thundered forth his disgust at the triumphalist spirit in which America is allegedly gloating over the Soviet

In a long, signed article in the hardline daily, Sovetskaya Rossiya — the proceeds of which he offers up to the families of Russian soldiers who have been killed in ethnic wars — Marshal Yazov deplored Washington's refusal to march the Russians' disarmament gestures.

At last weekend's communist rally in Moscow, which heard strident demands for the 13 "political prisoners" to be released, demonstrators queued to buy leaflets of poems from prison by Anatoli Lukyanov, the sleek parliamentary chairman and lifelong associate of Mikhail Gorbachev: competent if somewhat cliched compositions on such predictable themes as "longing for freedom" and "human ingratitude". In one, the silvertongued manipulator of parliamentary procedure sees himself as part of a long line of suffering Russian bards: "What a path of martyrdom we have traversed, the warriors and poets of Russia."

The supreme self-confidence that used to be one of Mr Lukyanov's hallmarks has apparently failed him, according to Aleksandr Shehukin, an investigator with the Russian prosecutor's office who has played a key role in interrogating the conspirators.

In an interview to be published today by Moscow News, Mr Shchukin says it is the parliamentary chairman who has taken confinement hardest, suffering a virtual nervous collapse and speaking in the most vulgar of Moscow street slang

Moscow street slang.

Friends of Mr Lukyanov have leaked to the Italian daily. La Stampa, a document purporting to be a diary kept by him during the coup—which if authentic would suggest that he tried to defuse the stores.

democracy.

Mr Shehukin says the most striking thing in Mr Lukyanov's diaries is his fascination with the luxurious conditions in which he was accommodated on foreign visits.

The poet-politician's journal is apparently studded with entries like "... best hotel in Switzerland", "... excellent wine served by the mayor" and "stayed beside a gorgeous lake" — all testimony to how difficult Mr

Lukyanov must be finding things in jail.

According to Mr Shchukin, by far the most co-operative of the prisoners is Gennadi Yanayev, the vice-president, who is remembered by the world for his trembling hands during the conspirators' lamentable

While insisting that he was roped into the conspiracy only at the last moment, Mr Yanayev is apparently the least bitter of the prisoners and the least inclined to complain about the food and living conditions.

"It is easy and pleasant to work with him," says Mr Shchukin, who goes on to deny the reports by aides to Mr Gorbachev that the vice-president was dead drunk at the time of his arrest.

The lifelong servant of the

an atheist state apparently showed considerable relief at the news that he had not — as he feared — been excommunicated by the Russian Orthodox church, which he feared had placed him beyond redemption until the Orthodox patriarch reassured him.

SMILE.



Food teams lift

Moscow morale

Historic double Us colleague in Riev

FROM GENEIVE ABDO IN MOSCOW

VLADIMIR Cheptsov grinned between bites of a pork chop. "Aid gives us hope that the world has not forgotten about us," he said. Cameras flashed and re-

cameras hashed and reporters reached for their microphones to catch the words
of the elderly Muscovite at the
canteen on Lyublinskaya
Street. He was one of many
people who were taking advantage of the free hinches
given by Operation Provide
Hope, the American emergency airlift to the former
Soviet Union.
Others, who are more ac-

customed to sitting down to a dour lunch of soup and brown bread, rucked into pork chops, mashed potatoes and vanilla pudding beneath the glare of television cameras. The street canteen is one of 19 in Moscow that have been designated to serve hundreds of thousands of hot meals to invalids, the poor and the elderly as part of the airlift which began on

Monday.

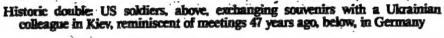
Within two weeks, at least 54 planes carrying food and medicine will land in cities in the Commonwealth of Independent States to help people

who are suffering from severe food shortages, high prices and plummeting living

The airlift is Washington's answer to criticism that it had not done enough to help people in the former Soviet Union. It has been criticised by some people as a publicity stunt. But for Maria Dodporina, aged 64, an invalid who was eating from a small tin of vanilla pudding, the relative merits of the airlift were not important. "I am thankful with all my heart," she said. "I think the food in America is definitely better than it is here."

"If this is capitalism, then let's have more of it," said Mr Cheptsov, who, after eating a big lunch, took his vanilla pudding home for a midnight

While the Russians are. American volunteers dressed in neatly-pressed blue uniforms sang folk songs. The Muscovites said they had never seen such friendly faces in a public place. "This is such a surprise for us," said one. "In public canteens, we are used to dealing with hostile people who never smile." (Reuter)





Stasi files surrender grim truth

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BERLIN

WHILE Erich Mielke was recovering in his prison cell yesterday from his first day in court, the victims of the former East German security chief were queuing at the Stasi storage centre in east Berlin to study the files he had assembled about them.

"The court can do nothing which can punish him enough for what he did to me and my country," said Franz Arndt, a teacher who had discovered that one of his best pupils had been reporting about him in return for a promise to get a better education. Two years after his fall from power, Herr Mielke's sinister past continues to intrude into the future of east

Germans at every level.
Yesterday in Potsdam.
Manfred Stolpe, the Social
Democrat prime minister of
Brandenburg, held another
press conference to explain
why he had 1,000 meetings
with Stasi agents in the days
when he was connected win
the Evangelical church leadership in the East. He said he
was now receiving hundreds
of letters of support.

Stasi songbird L&T, page 1

Racist jeers greet roadside birth

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE plight of a Somalian woman who gave birth unassisted beside a road in southern Italy as a crowd stood by and jeered prompted telephone calls yesterday of solidarity and job offers.

The indifference shown by Italians to Fatima Yusif, aged 28, when she went into labour on the outskirts of Castelvolturno near Naples on Friday provoked condemnation from across the political spectrum and calls for authorities to introduce legislation to curb the burgeoning racism against immigrants in

Italy.

"I will remember those faces as long as I live," Ms Yusif, who was born in Mogadishu, told Corriere della Sera as she recovered in hospital from her ordeal. "They were passing by, they would stop and linger as if they were at the cinema careful not to miss any of the show. There was a boy who, sniggering, said, 'Look what the negress

is doing."

First succour was only provided to the immigrant mother when a passing police car stopped half an hour after her baby boy Davide was born, according to II Messaggero.

She was taken to a hospital at

Caserta. The baby, weighing less than 5lb, was placed in an incubator. Television reports of the incident brought telephone calls to the hospital from as far afield as Turin

expressing solidarity with Ms
Yusif.
The semi-official Vatican
newspaper, l'Osservatore Romano, said that the bystanders, who jeered were, "not
worthy of the word man. Now
there are many statements of
solidarity from every region to
try to make her forget and to
convince her that humanity

the hearts of Italians."
Livia Turco, women's affairs spokesperson at the Democratic party of the Left, the former Communist party, said that the episode "throws an obscure and disturbing light on the real level of humanity and civilisation of our country".

has not been extinguished in

An influx of immigrants from the Maghreb and other parts of Africa has eroded traditional Italian hospitality to foreigners, political experts

Ms Yusif said: "In my country they would have helped a woman who is about to give birth, foreigner or not."

Cresson survives Habash debate

Paris: France's conservative opposition, with one eye on regional elections next month, accused the government yesterday of undermining the authority of the state over George Habash, the Palestinian radical who was allowed into France for hospital treatment in Paris

tal treatment in Paris.

Edith Cresson's minority
Socialist cabinet survived a
no-confidence vote, since the
Communist party said it
would not support the rightwing motion, reducing the
parliamentary debate to an
exercise in rhetoric.

exercise in rhetoric.

Franck Borotra, the conservative RPR party spokesman, said the government's decision to punish civil servants for allowing Mr Habash into France while ministers escaped responsibility had created "a severe crisis of state". M Borotra declared: "You no longer have the authority to govern. It is true there is no majority to overthrow you, but there is no majority to support you either. That is why you did not ask for a vote of confidence."

Five senior officials and the head of the French Red Cross were forced to resign after Mr Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, linked to a string of aircraft hijacks, arrived in Paris on January 29, apparently without ministers' knowledge. (Reuter)

Village burnt

Moscow: Armenian guerrillas have attacked and burnt down the Azerbaijani village of Malybeili in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to television reports. Several people were killed and the village is now cut off. (Reuter)

Gold hunt

Tirana: Investigators in Albania are looking for gold thought to have been hidden by the former communist rulers or sold to finance their expensive lifestyles. A parliamentary commission has reported that large quantities of gold have vanished. (Reuter)

Madrid strike

Madrid: Hundreds of thousands of people in Madrid struggled to work on foot or through chaotic traffic jams when underground train workers, unhappy about the progress of negotiations on pay and conditions, joined bus crews on strike. (Reuter)

Orange aid

Rome: Fifteen tonnes of Sicilian oranges have been flown to Minsk for children affected by the 1986 muclear power-station disaster at Chernobyl, in Ukraine. Fresh fruit, rare in Belorussia, was requested by the former Soviet republic's government. (Reuter)

Torture arrests

Rome: Naples police said they had discovered a Mafia torture chamber in which a clan boss used Spanish-style garrottes on his own gang members to keep them disciplined. Four people were arrested, including the gang boss's girlfriend. (Reuter)

House of squalor betrays its secrets

PODRIGA state hospital, in the remote Moldavian region of northern Romania, looks impressive from a distance. The nobleman's house with its turrets and stone columns is really a crumbling mass of bricks. The stench of human filth and blocked drains is the first sign of the degrading conditions inside.

There are \$7. mentally

There are 87 mentally and physically handicapped people in Podriga with no running water and hardly any heating during a winter where temperatures drop to minus 15. An annex is worse than a stable block for horses; the stench of urine is matched only by that of human excrement.

Eyes staring bare feet

freezing on a slippery coldfloor, the patients are among the tens of thousands of handicapped people forgotten by the new government in Romania and left to exist in squalor. Yesterday Mircea Mai-

Yesterday Mircea Maiorescu, the Romanian minister of health, admitted his department had no idea of the conditions in these hospitals, especially in remote areas. He promised to carry out an immediate survey and examine the possibilities of providing basic amenities for the worst cases. At Podriga he was unaware that young adults are

mainourished and many of

British MPs have been appalled by the fate of Romania's handicapped, Ray Clancy writes from Podriga



Barred from hope: a patient locked in a Podriga cell them look as if they were aged 10 or 12; or that mixed dormitories are locked at night and the patients suffer sental abuse. Rights Group. He said he

Aid workers at Podriga says the biggest worry is fite. "I have had might-mares that one morning I will turn up to find a pile of charred remains," said Sophie Thurnham, aged 24, who works at the hospital for the Scottish branch of Romania Project UK. Yesterday her father, Peter Thurnham, Conservative

MP for Bolton Northeast, saw Podriga during a fact-finding visit to Romania by the Parliamentary Human Rights Group. He said he was appalled by people being "kept like animals". He was concerned about staff who have been stealing food and clothes sent from abroad.

"Things are relatively good here because most of the people are not wanted by their families. If they were not here, they would be on the streets," said

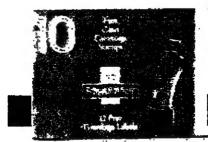
Avram Gheor Ghe, chief doctor of the Botosani health district. He admitted conditions were terrible, but said it was a matter for the government. "There are many other problems that have top priority, such as the railway tracks."

One of the most disturbing aspects about Podriga

One of the most disturbing aspects about Podriga and many other institutions in Romania is that the system appears to be getting worse. Without a proper administrators' structure, nothing gets done.

Anthony Coombes, secre-

tary of the parliamentary group and Conservative MP for Wyre Forest, said the most urgent problem in Romania was motivating staff. After visiting a psychiatric hospital Poroschia, south of Bucharest, he was appailed by the attitude of senior managers. With 36 staff and five doctors caring for 97 patients, there was "no excuse for the place looking like the black hole of Calcutta". He told the minister of health that Britain would like to help to improve psychiatric care in Romania. "But the only way to tackle this is from the top. By en-suring that there is a sys-tem of independent inspections every six months so that we do not have the misery that is present



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Baddest man around is left to fight personal demons

Mike Tyson, champion boxer turned

but to help himself to any

woman who took his fancy.

"I like to hurt women when I

make love to them," he told

Jose Torres, another biogra-pher, in a much-publicised

remark. "I'like to hear them

scream with pain, to see

Others see in Tyson's de-structive trail of fights and assaults on women, all of

which were smoothed over

lesson about the cruelty of

the modern celebrity mach-

ine. Boxers had often fallen

foul of the law and some, like

Carlos Monzon, the former

middleweight champion,

had even been convicted of

them bleed."



Givens: humiliated

IF IRON Mike Tyson, the street mugger from Brooklyn who soared to the summit of the sports world and crashed in an Indianapolis court, is ever to return to the professional ring, he will have to defeat a host of inner demons which were always destined to destroy him, his friends and admirers said

The conviction on rape charges of the world's youngest heavyweight champion was no bolt from the blue for a boxer who revelled in his reputation as the "baddest" man around. Trouble had dogged him since his early years when, the child of an alcoholic mother, he roamed the New York streets as a mugger who used his extraordinary gift for fighting to fend off jibes about his thin, girlish voice. As the world yesterday observed the

of a money-mad sports machine which groomed him for glory while neglecting his inner turmoil.

Others saw him as a martyr to a "white system" intent on bringing down black

"Mike is in an intense state of denial," said Montieth Illingworth, the author of his biography, after he watched a dazed-looking Tyson roar away in his motorcade of timousines from the Indiana

Cus d'Amato, the late promoter who extracted the 13year-old Tyson from reform school and taught him to box, had "never dealt with his problems, his troubles with women", said Mr Illingworth, contradicting the conventional wisdom that Tyson was cast morally adrift by the death of his

would be to shed his current entourage; men such as Don King, the promoter, who were "part of his problem". said Mr Illingworth. George Foreman, the former cham-

pion and a man who has been worrying about Tyson in public for years, agreed that his best hope would be no surround himself with a different group". The verdict of the Indianapolis jury amounted to a stunning "reality check", to use the vogue expression, for a boy who had acquired unlebrity before the age of 21. but had never grown up. This flaw led him not only

with such a pattern of anticonvicted rapist, is on the brink of the social behaviour as Michael end of his career, was he the villain or a victim? Charles Bremner investigates In earlier firmes, heroes of the "noble art" were revered for their civility out of the debauchery and fist-fights,

ring. Floyd Patterson, a ghetto child like Tyson, could walk away from a drunk who punched him in the nose saying his fists were only for the ring. Tyson was different because he was adored as a vicious lighter with barely a redeeming quality; a living lethal weapon". a survivor of the mean streets and mod-

had ever made it to the top

el for the new pop culture in which only light is right.

If he had not found salvation through boxing, he was certain, he once said, that he would die violently or in jail.

Many tried to find another explanation other than violence he hind the moderal her in he independent in he lence behind the undeniable magic which Tyson wrought on the public, a power which

of \$15 million (£8.2 million) from a forthcoming challenge, now abandoned, to Evander Holyfield, the man who holds his old title.

Tyson was really an intensely shy boy, they said. His disarming grin and tiny voice were evidence, it was said, not of cunning but of a gentle creature behind the machine-gun punches and the devastating hooks which wrought a trail of devastating knockouts in 40 professional victories with only a

Even that loss, at the hands of Buster Douglas two years ago to the day, was blamed on his gullibility at the hands of scheming women. He had been brought down supporters said, by the machinations of Robin Givens, the actress who married him with a declaration of pregnancy in 1987, humiliated him by

vision and then, after a few months of marriage, won more than \$10 million in a divorce settlement. Tyson has undoubtedly played the role of dupe, most notably in the case of a Los Angeles woman who extracted thousands of dollars in child support payments from him until a court-ordered genetic test proved the child was not

The court in Indianapolis chose to believe only the version of Tyson the thug, an image reinforced, amazingly, by his own lawyer when he decided to depict his client to the jury as a primitive animal with the courtship manners of a caveman.

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White House officials admit to campaign disarray

1996 candidates 'put the skids under Bush'

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

TODAY George Bush will make the announcement that nobody has been waiting for - his decision to seek a sec-ond term as President of the

For months he has been campaigning to keep his job both in and out of New Hampshire, the state where the nation's first primary takes place next Tuesday. He has bought socks at shopping malls, breakfast at roadside cases, beers in bars, and done many other things that a leader of the free world does vinning a Gulf war.

Most of this has been to no avail. His time on the road has disclosed more weaknesses than strengths. High hopes

THE following calendar of events lists the date, followed by

sends to the party convention, followed by the number of

February 18: New Hampshire

February 23: Maine caucus 30-22

February 25: South Dakota primary 20-19

March 3: Colorado primary

Georgia primary 88-52 Idaho caucus 24-22 Maryland primary 80-42

Minnesota caucus 87-32

Washington caucus (Dem) and primary (Rep) 80-35

March 5-19: North Dakota

Marth 7: Arizona caucus 47-

South Carolina primary 50-

March 8: Nevada caucus 23-

Wyoming caucus 19-20

Utah caucus 28-27

state and primary or caucus. The first number is the number of

have thus fallen even upon the formal statement that he will make today at the Washington J.W. Marriott Hotel. The White House team is

still, as its junior members readily admit, in poor shape: "inchoate on a good day, chaotic on a bad day", as one put it. The president is under pressure from an eloquent conservative opponent, Patrick Buchanan, whose campaign has done enough to continue after New Hampshire votes, virtually whatever

Mr Bush seems to have no stock of rhetorical ammunition to fire back. With a pre-pared speech in his hand the president too often sounds like an automaton. Without a

THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Dates of primaries and caucuses for the presidential election campaign

Florida primary 160-97 Hawaii caucus 26-14 Louisiana primary 69-38 Massachusetts primary 106-

Mississippl primary 44-33 Missouri caucus 86-47 Oklahorna primary 53-34 Rhode Island primary 28-15 Tennessee primary 77-45 Texas primary 214-121

March 15: Puerso Rico

March 17: Illinois primary

183-85 Michigan primary 148-72

March 31: Vermont caucus

April 2: Alaska caucus 18-19

April 7: Kansas primary 42-30

New York primary 268-100 Wisconsin primary 91-35

April II: Virginia caucus 92-

May 5: District of Columbia

primary 30-14 Indiana primary 87-51 North Carolina primary 93-

April 28: Pennsylvania primary 188-91

March 24: Connecticut

primary 57-14

text, he sometimes seems so deranged that correspondents have reached for their medical dictionaries. His State of the Union address benefited from some lastminute patina applied by Peggy Noonan, the former Reagan speechwriter. However, she is reported as being unwilling to return full time to the fray.

Optimists in the White

House, led by Samuel Skin-ner, the new chief of staff, say that a recent reorganisation will cure these problems. "We have had a lot to do in four weeks," was Mr Skinner's reply to weekend charges of his arrogance, disorganization and inadequacy.

North Carolina

Ohio primary 167-83

May 12: Nebraska primary 31-24

West Virginia primary 39-18

May 19: Oregon primary 53-

May 26: Arkansas primary 43-27

Kentucky primary 61-35

June 2: Alabama primary 62-

So California primary 383-201 Montana primary 22-20 New Jersey primary 117-60 New Mexico primary 33-25

Total number of Democratic

delegates to be chosen, including 12 from US territories, nine

for Democrats abroad and 265

The Democratic convention is held from July 13-17 in New

Total number of Republican

delegates to be chosen including 12 for Republicans abroad is 2,209. The Republican convention is held from August 17 to 21 in Houston.

The traditional opening of the presidential campaign is Labor Day, September 7. Election

superdelegates", is 4.287.

blame from the new regime is John Sununu, the former chief of staff, who until he was pushed out before Christmas tried to do every job in the building and whose reluc-tance to relinquish power was an insuperable bar to beginning the re-election attempt. Mr Sumunu, it is charged stopped the president getting the economic bad news last autumn, encouraged compla-cency and made the president seem more out of touch than he needed to be.

Mr Skinner's own management continues, however, to fire". He has brought in Clay-ton Yeutter, the former Republican party chairman, as a domestic policy chief. He hopes thereby to still conservative complaints about the moderate influence of Nicholas Brady, the Treasury secretary, and Richard Darman, the budget director. But Messtill in power and at least as ready, it seems, to fight Mr Yeutter as to take on Buchan-

Discipline is slack. Jack Kemp, the housing secretary, said last week that the state of the union address was full of gimmicks, a direct challenge that the Democrats were the gimmick-mongers. As one ex-perienced Republican consul-tant put it yesterday, the White House has too many "candidates" (Mr Kemp, James Baker, Richard Cheney among other hopefuls for 1996) and too few "politi-cians" prepared to do the hard job of winning this year. The best weapons in Mr Bush's armoury are the usual ones: disarray among the Democrats and the belief in the White House that the economy will soon be growing again.

President Bush goes to New Hampshire after his an-nouncement speech today. He will host small meetings with voters, and pursue support on street corners. But he is prone to gaffes such as pulling out a huge wad of dollar bills to buy a breakfast for lorry drivers and saying "i'm loaded". Last week, at a grocers' convention, he was reported making excited cooments on the futuristic wonders of electronic supermarket scanners, a technology which, as the New York Times pointed out, has been known to americans who do their own shopping for more than a decade. The White

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House said it was a new kind



Home and dry: Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa hugs his wife, Ruth, at a rally in Des Moines after gaining an uncontested cancus victory, giving him a fleeting lead in the Democratic presidential nomination race

Democrat front-runner tumbles in primary polls

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TOM Harkin, a senator from Iowa, won a huge although largely meaningless victory when his home state kicked off the 1992 presidential elections with party caucuses on Monday night. A more significant development in the presidential race came nearly 1,000 miles away in New-Hampshire, where polls for the first time put Paul Tson-gas ahead of Bill Chinton, the

A Gallup poll for Cable News Network and USA Today revealed that Mr Clinton, battered by allegations of adultery and draft dodging, has fallen 11 points in four days to 26 per cent. Mr Tson-gas, on the other hand, with his austere economic prescriptions, has jumped nine

points to 33 per cent. by another poll, for The Bos-ton Globe, which showed Mr Tsongas. a former Massachuseus senator, two points ahead of Mr Clinton with 26 per cent. A third poll, for a New Hampshire television station, put Mr Tsongas first with 28 per cent, but also showed 42 per cent of the

state's Democrats still undecided on a candidate. A week before New Hampshire's primary, these poli re-sults pose a real dilemma for Democrats. The party had rallied early behind Mr Clinton because of his "electabil-

ity", but that has now been badly undermined. Mr Tsongas's message is appealing, but he has no organisation outside his native New Eng-land and is widely regarded as unelectable. The other three candidates have singularly failed to impress.



inted into the race

Speculation that Mario Cuomo, New York's governor, could yet be lured into the race is growing, and a "write-in" campaign on his behalf in New Hampshire is

gathering momentum.

In Iowa, Mr Harkin won with approximately 77 per cent of the delegates selected. easily beating the previous record of 59 per cent ob-tained by Jimmy Carter against Edward Kennedy in 1980. But the voting system was heavily weighted in his favour and no other candidate had bothered campaigning on their rival's territory. Barely 25,000 Democrats voted: 120,000 did so in

Mr Tsongas came a morale-boosting second, albeit with just 4 per cent. The only real loser was Bob Kerrey with 2.2 per cent. He trailed fourth after Mr Clinton despite the regional advantage of being the senator from neighbouring Nebraska. Jer-ry Brown, the fifth Democratic contender, won just 1.5 per cent of the delegates. Iowa sends 57 delegates to the party convention in July.

UN seeks green barter'

Cartagena, Colombia: A Uni-ted Nations body has proposed tackling global warming through a system of warming unrough a system of trading emission permits be-tween rich and poor nations. Under the scheme, develop-ing countries would be grant-ed more permits than they needed while industrial coun-

tries would receive fewer. In another move President Collor de Mello of Brazil led an appeal by eight South American nations for help from the West to preserve the world's largest tract of tropi-cal forest. (Reuter)

Forced exit

Hong Kong: Thirty-six Viet-namese boat people were due to be flown home early today in the first forced deportation from Hong Kong since last week's riot in the colony's crowded Sek Kong determion centre, in which 23 north Vietnamese died in a fire.

Army reforms

Caracas: President Pérez announced a reorganisation of the Venezuelan army, a week after rebel troops tried to overthrow him. He said that changes, which include the high command, were aimed exclusively at improving army operations. (AFP)

Science applied

Tucson, Arizona: A panel of scientists has been chosen to review Biosphere 2, the project which has been accused by critics of cheating in its attempts to create a selfcontained world that can produce its own food, air and water under glass. (AP)

Re-trial sought Rio de Janeiro: Two rancir-

ers convicted of killing the Brazilian rainforest defender. Chico Mendes, are appealing for a re-trial because two jurous had told newspapers they thought Darly Alves da Silva and his son, Darci Alves Pereira, were guilty. (AP)

Salvador rebels emerge from wilderness claiming victory

the far edge of Los Maza-riegos. René Quintebos is stapling together copies of the United Nations peace plan for El Salvador for distribution to local guerrillas.

They venture out from their vantage points in the surrounding wilderness to collect the minutiae of a peace deal signed by their leaders in the left-wing FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front) and the right-wing govern-ment after negotiations lasting 20 months and

agreed this month. nor Quintebos, a guerrilla

AT A rickety trestle table on the far edge of Los Maza- and then, above which two vultures circle inauspiciously. There is scant activity in Los Mazariegos, apart from thescrawny hens and pigs competing to scratch a meal from the dust.

The village presents a scene of sun-baked torpor. Until recently, however, it was the scene of some of the worst butchery that raged in the Suchitoto region, 35 miles north of San Salvador. the capital.

In common with thousands of rebels throughout the country, Senor Quintebos is preparing to give in his Kalashnikov at one of the United NationsEl Salvador's guerrillas, pleased with promises of land reform, prepare to lay down their arms, Anne McElvoy writes from Los Mazariegos

supervised depots in the coming weeks and return to civilian life. He is in charge of the resettlement of 125 families who fled the area to escape the fighting. The men and teenage boys still wear the red-and-white scarves of the front, a symptom of a culture and identity that has grown up around the conflict and whose divisions will long mark El

The returned families shelter from the blazing sun under canvas propped up on bamboo poles: none of their homes is left standing. The women queue for clean water from a single standpipe. Food is provided by an American church charity agriculture has been wrecked by the scorchedearth policy pursued by govto force the guerrillas back

Señor Quintebos exchanged his combat fatigues for jeans and T-shirt last week and does not hide his delight at the end of the war. He summarises the pleasures of peace succinctly: "More freedom, less fear and tranquillity at last."

During the war he was able to see his wife and children only twice a year after she, with most of the women. fled to San Salvador.

Apart from war weariness, the main reason for the front's readiness to embrace peace is the perception that the armistice represents a victory for its cause. The right-wing gov- right, Senor Cristiani was such intervention.

ernment of President Cristiani has had to agree concessions on land reform, including a clause limiting the amount of land any individual may own which is contested by the powerful

Former rebels will be allowed to join the peace force that is to replace the paramilitary security forces linked to the infamous death squads. The army of 70,000 will be halved and the government has promised to set up a comm to investigates human

rights abuses. Despite opposition to the settlement from the extreme

realistic enough to see the inadvisability of trying to continue the war as American support rapidly sceped away. The Reagan administration committed America to funding the war when it sought to draw the line against the spread of Soviet influence in its "backyard" in 1980 and poured \$4 bil-lion (£2.2 billion) in aid into

the country.

Atrocities and the realisation that the war against the front could not be won militarily weakened Congress's enthusiasm for such unrewarded philanthropy. The collapse of the Soviet threat removed the last excuse for

March to Indian border

Kashmiris forced back by tear gas

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MUZAFFARABAD

of Pakistani-controlled

"Azad" (free) Kashmir, was blocked by large numbers of

rhud and rock slides created by government engineers us-

ing explosives. Vehicles were

forced to stop. Ten thousand people clambered over the

barriers and continued their

journey on foot, cleaning out a few villages of food as they

passed through. As night fell 5,000 of them were still bent

on continuing to the border village of Chokothi, 30 miles from Muzaffarabad. There,

large numbers of troops and

Mohammad Abdul

Qayyum, prime minister of

the nominally independent

government of Azad Kash-

mir, said that, after a long

day of marching, a night in the cold and possible confrontations today with the police and army, the protesters would be in no spirit to launch a determined attempt

to cross into India. Mr Qayyum, who flew by helicop-

ter along the line of control

dividing Kashmir, said at-

tempts to enter India were

leader of the Jammu and

Kashmir Liberation Front. organising the march as part

of its fight for a reunited, independent Kashmir, free of

both Pakistan and India. rode as far as he could in a leep, then started walking.

He said he was still deter-

The Pakistan government

is deeply embarrassed. Its re-

sistance to the resurgence of Kashmiri nationalism makes

mockery of its condemna-

tion of India's similar pos-

tion on the other side of the border. One repercussion

could be a decision to end

support for the uprising in the Kashmir valley to prevent a breakaway movement

spreading in Azad Kashmir.

• Delhi: Indians of varying

political loyaltles staged anti-Pakistan demonstrations

here yesterday, burning

Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, in effigy and denounc-ing his alleged support for Kashmiri secessionists.

In Chandigarh, leaders of a Sikh religious organisation were arrested yesterday after urging a boycott of next

veek's elections in the Indian

state of Punjab. (AFP, Reuter)

LINE OF CONTROL

mined to cross into India.

made at four or five points. Amanullah Khan, aged 57,

police await them.

PAKISTANI troops using from Muzaffarabail, capital tear gas drove back hundreds of Kashmiris attempting to cross into India yesterday while Indian soldiers, under orders to shoot anybody crossing the border, watched from concealed positions.

Another much larger wave of Kashmiris heading for the border spent last night camped in the mountains in sub-zero temperatures, without food or blankers, after they were prevented by the Pakistani authorities from getting close to the dividing line. They will try to reach the

The narrow mountain road.

Rebels take hostages in mosque

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA INTUNIS

A GROUP of Algerian ex-tremists, who killed two policemen, fied into a mosque and took worshippers hostage as police surrounded them at Bordj Menaiel, to the east of Algiers. Seven police officers have been killed in Algiers by another gang of Muslim ex-tremists believed to be hiding

in the old part of the city.

The authorities said that the attackers, who were armed with automatic rifles, were a group of Islamic mili-tants who had fought in the war in Afghanistan.

Algeria's military-backed rulers now fear a wave of terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists following the nine police deaths. In an effort to curb the violence, hundreds of Islamic fundamentalists have been arrested in the past 24 hours. Among the arrests were members of an Islamic extremist group calling itself Believers in the Faith, which called last week for jihad, or

holy war.
The authorities have emphasised that they are determined to restore the rule of law. In an address to the nation on Monday night. Muhammad Boudiaf, the head of state, said that his government would not shy away from taking any action

A state of emergency was mposed on Sunday evening, giving the authorities sweeping powers of arrest and detention, and Mr Boudiaf accused the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front of refusing the offer of dialogue.

The front was leading in the election and was expected to win on the second round of



Ring of romance: Konishiki, aged 28, a champion heavyweight sumo wrestler, and his bride Sumika Shioda. aged 27, a former fashion model from Holkaido island, after their Protestant wedding in Tokyo yesterday. Końishiki, an American from Hawaii

whose real name is Salevaa Atisanoe. has been nicknamed "Dump Truck". At 576lb, he is the heaviest sumo wrestler of modern times and reportedly five times heavier than his bride. President Bush sent him a congratulatory telegram. Asked at a press con-

ference how many children they would have. Konishiki replied that they would let nature take its course. The wrestler, who has been ill, repeatedly mopped his brow and cooled himself with a paper fan. The couple met in 1987. (Reuter)

Branson to keep his feet on the ground

CARLES TOPLES

taking part in the Virgin Earthwinds round-the-world balloon trip that sets out from Akron, Ohio, next week because his father has told him it is time he grows up and faces the risks.

A lawyer for New Kids on the Block has filed a slander suit against a former producer who claimed that the pop group did no more than 20 per cent of the singing on their records. Last week, a Chicago fan sued the New Kids for \$75 million (E41 million), claiming they had defrauded consumers.

John Tate, who won the world heavyweight boxing championship when he de-feated Gerrie Coetzee in 1979, has been charged with breaking a man's jaw and stealing about £8 during a robbery in Tennessee.

The Irish group U2 is to tour North America from the end of this month, giving 32 concerts in 31 cities. The band's first such tour since 1987

Richard Branson says he is dropping his Peter Pan image at 41. He will not be Ways top the American charts. The Boston band The Pixies will support them.

> Elizabeth Taylor is to cele-brate her 60th birthday with an extravaganza for a thousand guests at Disneyland in California. The party, on Febmary 27, is being organised by her husband, Larry Fortensky, and a group of friends.

The former Indonesian first lady. Dewi Sukarno, is to be tried for allegedly stabbing a New York socialite in the face with a champagne glass dur-ing a party in Aspen, Colora-do, last month. The fight is said to have broken out when Victoria Osmena, granddaughter of a former Philippines president, called the former first lady a whore.

The Prince of Wales has been elected to the French academy of moral and political sciences in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cultural affairs. The citation praised his "written and oral interventions in various

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voting, until polling was can-celled last month. Mao's music gets

karaoke touch FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

When Chairman Mao said that revolution was not a tea party, he might have felt it unnecessary to add that it was nothing to do with karaoke either. But in nightclubs throughout China. young people are singing and dancing to revolutionary songs which have been dusted down and brought up to date with a rock and

luraje.

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Parents given to the oc-casional nostalgic rendition of The East is Red, or the emotional ballad Unity above All may be surprised to find their offspring humming the same tunes after a late night out at the local karaoke spot.

Artistically, the results of the hybrid revolutionary rock are disastrous, creating a hitherto unknown form of heavy metal with surreal lyries. But that does not seem to be worrying Chinese youth, and artistic disasters have never worried the Communist leadership. What does concern the leadership is whether the dancers are singing along with their tongues firmly in their cheeks or whether their souls have genuinely been imbued

with revolutionary spirit.

Communist officials introduced maoist karaoke tapes into China's nightclubs last year in an attempt to lure young people away from love songs being imported from Taiwan and Hong Kong. The Commu-nist party decided that the imported music had no moral backbone, and that the videos which accompa-nied the songs would corrupt socialist youth.

Hardliners, such as the veteran ideologue, Deng Liqun, have revelled in the success of the maoist revival, calling it healthy and progressive. But yesterday Shanghai newspaper, Liberation Daily, dared to suggest that maybe young people were in fact engaging in that popular youth-ful pastime, mockery of themselves and of Chinese politics.

n January, shops in the Leastern province of An-hul sold a hundred thousand copies of Mao's portrait. The official Xinhua news agency said this was because residents of Anhui, which was struck by floods last summer, were grateful to the Communist party for helping them recover from the disaster. Many peasants worship Mao portraits.

One man who will not be amused by the Maoist revival is Deng Xiaoping. aged 87, the senior leader who spent years in the early 1980s persuading the Chinese that the late chairman was a good chap, but far from godlike.

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All roads lead to internment

Jailing godfathers of both sides would

heal Ulster, says Conor Cruise O'Brien

ohn Major has done well to show his personal concern for Northern Ireland at a time when the whole population of the province is living in fear after two political-sectarian massacres in quick succession: last month's killing of the eight Protestant building workers by the IRA and last week's killing of five Catholics by Protestants in a Belfast bookmaker's shop.

Mr Major talked yesterday with the leaders of the constitutional parties. He is likely to have heard conflicting advice from the Unionists, with an emphasis on security, and from the SDLP, with an emphasis on the necessity of reaching a political solution. If Mr Major has followed the example of his predecessor (from 1985 on) he will have paid a lot more attention to John Hume of the SDLP than to Ian Paisley and James Molyneaux. But Mr Major and his advisers ought now to take stock of what exactly the results

have been, over more than six years now, of basing British policy in Northern Ireland on Mr Hume's advice.

'Internment The Anglo-Irish Agreement of November, 1985, is Mr Hume's brainchild. He failed in the 1970s when applied to one convinced Garret FitzGerald, then Irish prime mincommunity ister, that it was the only. It need right way forward, and the Irish not fail if it is Department of Foreign Affairs applied then applied its considerable powevenhandedly' ers of persuasion to the task of selling the idea to White

hall. The agreement was signed at Hillsborough on November 15, 1985.

The governing concept of the agreement, eloquently propounded in advance by Mr Hume, was that the basic difficulty of Northern Ireland is "the alienation of the minority". If you could only end the alienation of the minority, then "the reconciliation of the two traditions", and peace, would in due course follow. As expounded by Mr Hume and his Dublin disciples, that sounded an attractive idea in Whitehall at the time. But it should surely be obvious by

now that it has not worked. The poppy day massacre of Unionists by the IRA at Enniskillen came within a week of the second anniversary of Hillsborough agreement. In the wake of those deaths, Sir Charles Carter handed down a chilling verdict on the agreement: "It has alienated the majority community, without reconciling the minority." Those words are even more evidently true today, four years later. Every single year since the Hillsborough agreement has seen higher levels of violence than in 1985, the year of its signing.

Those who swallowed the story about "ending the alienation of the minority" seem to have as-sumed that after the Hillsborough agreement Mr Hume and his friends would advise their supporters to co-operate with the security forces on a regular basis. No such advice has been given. Hillsborough was only a start, it

seems, in the process of ending

minority alienation. Mr Hume still has a long shopping list, of which the culminating item is to be "an agreed Ireland"; a Humean euphemism for a united Ireland. While getting on with his shopping list, Mr Hume advises against a "military solution". meaning the defeat of the IRA.

The view from the Protestant side of the hill is that its armed enemies, the IRA, ensconced in the Catholic areas and with the silent collusion of their inhabitants, can regularly murder Protestants; and if the security forces are powerless to protect them, 'then we must protect ourselves' If 1992 continues as it has begun, it will see the highest levels of political-sectarian violence since the Provisional IRA offensive

began more than 20 years ago.
If that trend is to be checked, the emphasis has to be put back on security, specifically on the evenhanded repression of the terrorists of both communities. For that purpose, by far the most promis-ing weapon is selective internment of both sets of ter-

rorist godfathers. We are con-stantly being told "internment has been tried and failed". It failed in the 1970s, when it was applied to members of one community only. It need not fail in 1992 if it is applied evenhandedly. Al-most everybody in

Northern Ireland, this month, would heave a sigh of relief if they knew that both sets of godfathers were in detention. Mr Hume, in opposing internment, is

not necessarily representative of the mood of his community in the aftermath of the Ormeau Road

It is being said that internment will not work unless it is applied on both sides of the border. That may be true, but internment is not likely to be introduced in the republic until a favourable example has been set by its evenhanded application in Northern Ireland. If internment is introduced in

Northern Ireland, some of the godfathers will escape to the republic. They will not be welcome there, the mood in the republic being more hostile to the IRA at present than at any previous time. The arrival of the re fathers, and their activities, could provide the signal for the introduction of internment in the republic.

But the British government will have to make the first move. At his press conference after his election as leader of Flanna Fail, Albert Reynolds was asked about internment. He did not rule it out but said that "any consideration of internment would have to face up to the previous experience". More significantly. Mr Reynolds is reported as having "added that he was not about to dictate to the British government". I take that to mean that, if Britain decides to introduce internment, Dublin will not raise an international hullabaloo, as it did on the last occasion.

The time is ripe for internment in Northern Ireland, and it will tality alone. then soon be ripe in the republic. son and the two non-white jurors

A bill of rights is the only answer to excessive Whitehall rule, argues Anthony Lester QC

This government is no friend of constitutional reform. To-day it will oppose Robert Maderman when he seeks leave to introduce his Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms Bill. just as yesterday it opposed Jim Wallace with his fair votes bill. Last Friday it opposed the Home Rule (Scotland) Bill and previously the Freedom of Information BUL

In a dismissive article in this newspaper last December, John Patten derided people such as me as "self-appointed founding fathers of the constitution-mongering movement". Mr Patten is a minister of state at the Home Office, a department not famous for defending citizens' rights against the misuse of public powers. He and his colleagues oppose all the important constitutional reforms advocated by the Charter 88 group and by a growing body of public opinion across the polit-

cal boundaries. To be specific, the present administration is against a modern bill of rights; a fairer electoral system; Scottish home rule (and the transfer of substantial powers from Whitehall to the regions and local authorities); a public right of access to government information; an elected upper house; stronger parliamentary and judicial control of the executive; an independent

Mandarin Britain

Lord Chancellor as a full-time minister of justice and law reform: and a written constitution defining governmental powers.
From Mr Patten's lyrical de-

scription of the British constitution as a "decent and well-built house . . . comfortable to live in. a setting for the nation's life", one would not suppose that the UK. has been found guilty of more serious violations of fundamental human rights than any other European country; or that we are a deeply disunited Kingdom, especially in Scotland and in Northern Ireland; or that we have an overcentralised system of government; or that our political masters are obsessed with preserving unnecessary official secrecy; or that our voting system is unfair; or that we have no code of civil rights and liberties to guide lawmakers, administrators, judges and ourselves; or that we have been badly misgoverned by successive admin-

istrations that have treated us as subjects rather than citizens. The government regards Charter 88's proposals for constitution-

judicial services commission; the al renewal, in Mr Patten's words, Lord Chancellor as a full-time as "false shadows". But they are not shadowy to other Commonwealth democracies, such as Australia, Canada, India and New Zealand, which have successfully modernised their systems in many of the above respects. They are also in place in other European democracies. We need the developed principles of European public law to protect us, when faced with sweeping ministerial powers. We also need a constitutional

public service. It is unacceptable in a modern democracy that Home Office ministers and civil servants should claim the right to ignore count orders when acting in their public duties. Two centuries ago, the Act of Settlement recognised that "the laws of England are the birthright of the people" and that all the Queen's ministers and officers ought to serve "ac-

cording to the same". Yet today's ministers, temporar Ty exercising power on our behalf. argue that they are ultimately accountable only to Parliament. and cannot be proceeded against for contempt in the Queen's courts for disobeying judicial orders. Their claim to be immune is presumptuous. Were it upheid, it would, in Lord Donaldson's strong words, be "a black day for the rule of law and the liberty of the subject".

The government is especially hostile to a British bill of rights incorporating the European Convention and the International Covenant into our legal system. Mr Patten relies on the "long, slow and expensive process" of suing in British courts as an argument against incorporation. Such delays are caused by the

government's refusal to appoint sufficient judges. Even so, the English judicial process is not nearly as long, slow and expensive as having to complain to the European Court of Human Rights. What we need are speedy and effective remedies in our own courts for breaches of our basic rights and freedoms, with the European Court as a last resort. According to Mr Patten, Parliament "is the place where individ-ual rights should be determined

and defined". Parliament certain-

ly has a very important potential role in protecting human rights.
That is why the government should (but will not) allow Parliament to exercise its legislative powers to give effect to the European Convention, and to have a select committee on human rights, and to pass specific measures strengthening equal treatment without discrimination. public access to information, and

personal privacy.

Where fundamental human rights are at stake, it is the role of the independent judiciary, rather than of the government-dominated Parliament, to determine where state power ends and individual freedom begins. Parliament and government are no substitute for the effective judicial review of public measures and decisions affecting our personal freedom.

Constitutional reform. is not normally a popular issue. People worry more about health, jobs. education, social welfare and public order. But government excesses have created widespread discontent with excessive rule from Whitehall. Ministers may come to regret their contemptuous rejection of a modern, coherent system that secures real democracy, personal liberty and accountable government under the supreme law of

Middle America hits back

The Rev Stacy Shields, an elderly black preacher, watched Mike Tyson watched Mike Tyson march down the staircase from Judge Patricia Gifford's courtroom in Indianapolis on Monday night and shook his head. "This is a set-up. The white establishment has won. They were

behind that girl and groomed her to destroy him." One floor beneath him, another gloss was being aired by Greg Garrison, the slick-talking lawyer who had just won the only conviction in America's trilogy of judicial sex dramas of the past six months. Grinning from ear to ear, Mr Garrison pronounced on the lesson to be drawn from his triumph.

For too long, he said, the superstars of the sporting world had been allowed to get away with outrageous behaviour and boast about it to boot. Now, in the name of decency, the respectable citizens of Indianapolis had called a halt. Tyson, the boxing prodigy from the Brooklyn ghetto, was not just being punished for raping a young woman. He was being called to account for the excesses of the culture of celebrity.

culture of celebrity.

Tyson also suffered from another burden in Indianapolis. He paid for the way he incarnates the figure of the young black predator, a figure which, thanks to an explosion of street crime, ha come to haunt the psyche of mainstream America.

In its wider dimension, the fall of Iron Mike is both a racial fable and a morality tale. Middle Amer-ica, the heartlands of grain silos and early bed-times, extracted revenge on the wild-living promiscuity of the new heroes from the coasts. In the old days, long before anyone invented the term "role model", Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey. Cassius Clay and those other boxing titans could be vicious in the ring but were graceful outside it. Their fans believed them to be gentlemen. In an age that venerates Terminators and other killers, Tyson, the lisping boy wonder, could be worshipped for his bru-

However, as much as Mr Garri-

in Indianapolis dismissed race as a part of their thinking, the blackness Tyson and constant theme in the courtrom. On its most favourable side, the trial was a sign of great social

progress. Not long ago, it would have been unthinkable in Indiana, the birthplace of the Ku Klux Klan, that alone a black one, would have been taken seriously if she told police a man had forced her to have sex when she visited his hotel bedroom

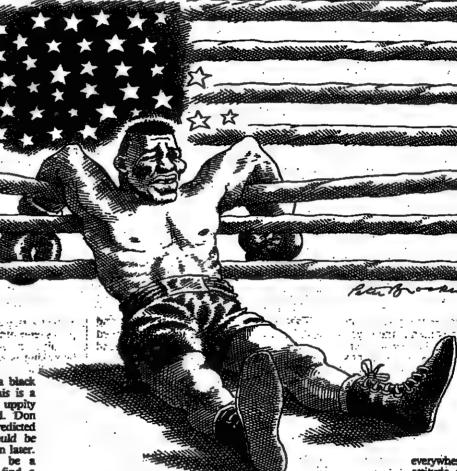
But a large number of black people and many whites prefer to subscribe to the darker explanation, the one buit forward by Judge Clarence Thomas, the Supreme Court nominee who was

at 2am.

accused of lewd talk by oman last October. "This is a high-tech lynching of an uppity black," Mr Thomas said. Dor King, Tyson's svengali, predicted all along that Tyson would be "lynched", if not now, then later. One does not need to be a bleeding-heart liberal to find a little truth in the hyperbole.

Was it race as well as class and power that let William Kennedy Smith walk free in Palm Beach, many blacks ask, while a white court in Indianapolis was ready to believe the worst of a black man in similar circumstances? On the face of it, the answer is no. The Palm Beach accuser was a 30-year-old with a troubled background and a shaky story, and Dr Kennedy Smith delivered a sterling account of himself. In Indianapolis, the victim was a teenage Sunday school teacher and her

Charles Bremner on the moral forces that floored Tyson one image that stuck with him, it



attacker a man who freely told the court that a crude demand for sex was one of his standard

pick-um lines. But everyone is aware that almost all of those loose-living or felonious sports stars mentioned by Mr Garrison are black. Black Americans were highly uncora-fortable watching the all-white teams of lawyers on both sides behaviour of Tyson under the eyes of a blonde woman judge and a mainly white and male jury.

Tyson's brutal image was magnified not just by the prosecutors. but even more damagingly by his own lawyer. Vincent Fuller, the grey-haired senior partner in one of Washington's most distinguished firms; could not have adopted a worse strategy than he did in deciding to paint Tyson as a man with such a reputation for bestial conduct with women that Desiree Washington could have

had no illusion as to her fate when she went out with him.

distaste on the face of the pedantic Mr Fuller as he kept repeating Tyson's celebrated gambit Washington: "I waпла (*** you." And it was not just the exposure of Tyson's obvious hatred of women

that upset many blacks. As disturbing was the way the trial reviewed the climate of mysogyny and immorality rampant the musical genre in which young men often crow in degrading language about their

In another telling image from the trial. Tyson explained that he had been instructorganisers of the Miss Black Amerigeant to ton dle the young contestants while singing a rap song about his access to beautiful women

everywhere". Something of the attitude was visible outside the court, where a group of black Tyson supporters denounced Ms Washington as a "whore" who had sold out their hero.

When the dust settles, much of black America is bound to harbour a sense of injustice over the destruction of one of the biggest stars the race has produced. As Americans indulged yesterday in their favourite post-match exercise of spotting the victim, there was less crowing from women's groups about victory in the sex wars than a sense of sadness and uneasiness among both blacks and whites.



...and moreover Alan Coren

the last thing you want a restaurant to do for you is open up a can of worms. When eating out, you do not require any new complications. You will have quite enough on your plate already, because apart from having to decide what it is you are going to have on your plate, and whether it is going to be quite enough and, furthermore, what it is you are going to have on the plate beside that — a slice that — a slice, a roll, a crispbread, white, beige, granary, something with fashionable bits in, and, if so, which bits, olive, walnut, fieldmouse? - and what to have in the glass beside your plate, and further-most, these days, what you are going to have in the glass beside that - still, fizzy. French. Highland, Malvern, tap? - apart from all this, I say, there is more than enough to occupy two fraught hours of anyone's bewilderment without having to take on board some fat new codicil to the decision-making

There is, for example, rare, medium, charred, there is on or off the bone, there is grated parmesan or not, there is black pepper or not, there are a dozen different mustards. as many different coffees ... and all this ceaselessly bearing down on a brain which began taking heavy punishment the instant it stepped into the place and began to wonder whether or not to check its hat, and, if so, whether to do it before addressing the decision as to

which of the 30 tables it wanted to sit at. Who, given all this, would also wish to be faced with

deciding how he wanted his lunch killed?

I raise this only because, on Sunday, it was raised for me; to the thinnest of levels, admittedly, but I know a wedge-end when I see one. I had taken my daughter to Gee's, possibly our favourite Oxford restaurant until Sunday came along to slot that "possibly" in, and, having got past the stuff with the hat and the table, we were wrestling with the menu's options, when I said. "I think I'll start with the tuna, but why does it say 'line-caught' in brackets?" And Victoria rolled her eyes

and said, "Because it's more humane than netting, of course. Besides which, dolphins get caught in tuna nets. Would you want to cat a dolphin?" She had me there. It has long been a rule of mine never to eat anything smarter than I am. Moreover, trained dolphins. I

recalled, were rumoured to have

fought for the CIA in Vietnam.

You would not want to cat an old upidies. "The fact remains," I said, "that the restaurant is offering me something which they advertise as having been dragged around by its lip. Humane or not, it would never have occurred to me to think about it, had they not brought it up. I shall start with the prawns."

"I wonder how they kill prawns?" said Victoria. "Swat

"Prawns are not killed." I said. "They just die." "Slowly?"

"I don't know," I said, "the menu doesn't specify. Mind you, since it describes them as King Prawns I suppose it's on the eards that they were individually hanged with a silken rope. I shall have the fettucine instead. The suffering undergone by pasta must be negligible. And after that I'll have the glazed

breast of duck."
"I think it ought to say how they killed the duck." said Victoria. "I mean, did they bring it down with a clean shot, or did they just wing it so's the dog could have a bit of fun finishing it off? Or was it the sort they corner in farmyards and stran-

gie? No wonder it's glazed."
"Stop this," I said. "I know where it's going. Youthful sar-casm and I are old friends. Any minute now, we shall be in the middle of the one about political rectitude as viewed by the middle-aged ostrich. Do not get me wrong: I am perfectly happy to eat a triend of the earth who has been bumped off by topically acceptable means, but I don't see why I have to have it

rammed down my throat." "As it were. How about the rib of beef? Who knows, we might find out that it was seen off by El Cordobes after putting up a damned good show. It may have gone the way it would have chosen. You'd like that."

I looked at the waiter. "You see what you've started,"

A fortune in those fatwas

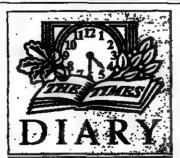
AS Salman Rushdie approaches the third anniversary of the fatwa against him, it was claimed yesterday that sales of The Satanic Verses have topped £65 million, making a millionaire not only of the author but of several of his closest associates. In by far the most serious analysis to date of where the money has gone, the journalist Lewis Chester claims that both Gillon Aitken, Rushdie's London agent, and Andrew Wylie, his New York agent, have made \$1 million apiece since Rushdie went into hiding.

The figures appear in an article in next month's Esquire magazine in which Chester claims that Rushdie has made about £6 million from royalties. Aitken yesterday would not deny or confirm that the book had made him a millionaire. "I never discuss that side of the business. The book has sold well and we have made a commission. That is what we are in business for. If a book is on top of the bestseller list, then of course

agents will do well." The English language version. published by Viking Penguin, has sold just over one million copies, generating about £13 million. Non-English language versions of the book have generated another £52 million, according to Chester. Most of these overseas deals have been negotiated by Aitken.

But though foreign publishers have prospered on the back of the book. Penguin has not. Its net profits on American and British sales are about £2 million, which, when set against the £3 million the publisher spent on security at its premises, turns into a loss.

Rushdie's profits have suffered no such diminution. According to Chester the Metropolitan Police



has spent more than £1 million a year on protection (half on Special Branch salaries). Rushdie, speak-ing to *The Times* through his solicitor yesterday, said he has contributed £250,000 to cover his living expenses and accommoda-tion while in hiding. The taxpayer, meanwhile, has picked up a bill of nearly £3 million.

• The Queen went missing at Monday night's royal gala at Covent Garden. As the orchestra under Bernard Haitink struck up the national anthem the audience rose, expecting the entry of the principal guest. The royal party appeared but without the Queen. The pit, it seems, had forgotten the royal fanfare, the pre-ar-ranged signal for the Queen's entry. The audience sat down, the fanjare was played, the orchestra launched into the anthem for a second time, the audience again arose, and this time the Queen appeared. The error could not mar a triumphant evening.

Seconds out

FIRST there was Brando in On the Waterfront, then Stallone as Rocky, but who will play the starring role in the inevnable Tyson, The Movie? Perhaps one of the many opponents who were never able to beat Mike Tyson in the

ring might fancy the opportunity to play at being the champ.

The name of our own Frank Bruno, with his wealth of pantomime experience, comes to mind. while Tyson's ex-wife, the actress Robin Givens, is ideally suited to play herself. Norman Mailer, that

great fight fan, has already been

One juror said that if there was

suggested as the screenwriter. Such suggestions do not go down well with the Tyson camp. Jose Torres, close friend and author of the official Tyson biography, claims so be too upset even to talk about a film. "At the moment he is not too warm about any such suggestion," says his New York attorney Carl De Santis. "He feels very badly about the verdict".

Heavenly profits

THE Scots Kirk in Paris is due to become a heap of rubble later this year, but will rise phoenix-like from the ashes. Canny to the last, the Church of Scotland, which has sold its prime site in the Rue Baynard, just off the Champs-Elystes, has bagged the first three



floors of the office block which will take the church's place. The Rev Bruce Robertson is looking forward to the demolition. "It's something I have been work-

ing for ever since I arrived ten years ago," he says. "The church was never finished." The lower floors of the new building will become the manse, the church and a church hail. "We get everything free and our partners get all the airspace they can negotiate with the planners to build upwards. No one will be sad to see it go."

Bob's job lot

IT IS the best free show in town. Sotheby's preview gallery in Con-duit Street is displaying the contents of Robert Maxwell's penthouse. No appointment is necessary and the curious are walking in off the street to snigger at some fine examples of bad taste.

"Well, I never," tutted one woman as she turned down the covers of Maxwell's double bed. Another giggled over lot 311, an autographed Mirror front page declaring: "To be a saint, you first have to be a sinner." Maxwell at least got half way there.

Further up New Bond Street, at Phillips, a calmer air prevailed. While on Friday Sotheby's is selling its Maxwelliana, down to the wooden coat hangers stolen from swanky New York hotels, the other auction house will be auctioning a collection of fine silver. "Robert who?" asked the Phillips receptionist, frostily.

 Who gives a XXXX for Australian beer? Certainly not the judges in the 1992 Brewing Industry International Awards. To add insult to injury, the trophy for the best lager in the world has been bestowed upon something called Kiwi Lager from New Zed-land. Australian drinkers yesterday predicted the award would strain antipodean diplomatic relations. "It is like telling the Scots that the best whisky comes from England," said one.

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VICTORY BY DEFAULT?

George Bush formally launches his campaign for re-election today, better placed to win than poll ratings blighted by recession suggest. He may not inspire great enthusiasm, but he has no credible challenger.

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Mr Bush should be in deep trouble, as Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter were in comparable circumstances in 1976 and 1980. The long-predicted recovery failed to appear in the autumn and the American economy has been stuggish. This has provoked a familiar bout of American introspection and pessimism. Two-thirds of voters think the country is heading in the wrong direction. With the Cold War over, the American public appears preoccupied with domestic concerns. Voters' dissatisfaction with the president's domestic performance has led to a sharp fall in his approval rating.

Mr Bush is still well-placed because past successes, mainly in foreign policy, have deterred potentially strong opponents. Pat Buchanan, his main challenger for renomination as Republican candidate, is more of an irritant than a threat. His message of economic and political nationalism has struck a chord with many conservative Republicans dissatisfied with Mr Bush's reversal of his "no new taxes" pledge. New Hampshire, which holds its primary election next Tuesday, is one of the best states for Mr Buchanan because of its conservative tradition and its deep economic recession. While Mr Buchanan may do well at this first test, it is hard to see him sustaining his

appeal in other states. Mr Bush's biggest advantage is the disarray of the Democrats. None of the five candidates has looked a credible nominee. Governor Bill Clinton, the early frontrunner, has fallen back after allegations of infidelity and draft-dodging. In Monday night's precinct caucuses in Iowa, Mr Clinton slipped into third place just behind Paul Tsongas. (First place, inevitably, went to the local boy, Tom Harkin.) The latest polls show the two neck-and-neck in New Hampshire.

If there is no clear Democratic victor from New Hampshire, others may be tempted into the race. Of these only a handful, such as Mario Cuomo, governor of New York, and Richard Gephardt, the House majority leader, are sufficiently well known or have the money to mount a late campaign. But none yet looks a serious nationwide challenger to Mr Bush.

After his two recent illnesses, Mr Bush has to demonstrate his physical stamina. Aged 68 this June, there is at least a chance he will not endure another full term. His decision to keep Vice-President Dan Quayle on the ticket deserves more than routine attention. Mr Quayle has been enjoying a favourable reassessment in the American press, partly a reaction to widespread initial ridicule, partly a result of his own improved performance. In London over the past two days, Mr Quayle has impressed normally cynical British observers of the American political scene. He might not be an obvious first choice as president, but he would be no less acceptable

a stand-in than Gerald Ford proved to be. The Bush/Quayle ticket still looks the most plausible for the next four years. But Mr Bush remains a president with low goals and minimal achievements at home. He is a manager, not always successful, of his country's problems rather than a leader pointing a new direction and inspiring the nation. His State of the Union message two weeks ago satisfied few.

His "strategy" rests on a mixture of blaming his administration's shortcomings on the intransigence of a Congress dominated by his political opponents and hoping that the economy will pick up by November. In other words, it is the strategy of all modern American presidents apart from Ronald Reagan. With the world facing its most optimistic realignment of power since the second world war, and with America able to take great credit for this, that country owes the world a more stimulating election campaign than is at present on offer.

JUSTICE DENIED

The criminal law on fraud went beyond breaking point yesterday and snapped. Mr Justice Henry stopped the trial of two defendants in the latest case arising from the Guinness takeover, on the ground that one of them was unfit to withstand further courtroom stress. Roger Seelig, a former merchant banker, "might do something irrevocable" to himself if the case continued, the judge said.

If those accused of fraud are to continue to receive a fair trial, and if the deterrent to fraud is to continue to be the prospect of public trial and punishment, then yesjeopardy. Since the Roskill enquiry in 1986 stressed the difficulties of major fraud cases and recommended that in place of a jury two expert lay assessors should try such cases with a judge, some such breakdown as occurred yesterday has been expected. But the exact circumstances draw attention to a new hazard not previously experienced: the mental pressure on a defendant, such as Roger Seelig, not on legal aid but unwilling or unable to afford the huge costs of these trials, and therefore exercising his right to conduct his own defence.

In 1990 the same judge watched an earlier case arising from the same circumstances known as "Guinness I" as distinct from yesterday's "Guinness II" — come near to collapse because of the strain on the jury. That case lasted 112 days and finished one turor short. This series of prosecutions is expected to go into two more stages before it is complete. Not long ago the longest fraud trial ever, over the Britannia Park development, ended after 16 months with a total cost of £3 million. Other recent fraud trials such as the Barlow Clowes and County NatWest cases have lasted several months.

The Roskill report greatly improved the criminal law on fraud and led directly to the setting up of the Serious Fraud Office. What is increasingly clear is that the government made a mistake in implementing only part of the report. If the SFO was more likely to

bring long and complex fraud cases to trial, the court system itself had to be adapted. What happened at Southwark Crown Court yesterday may be only obliquely relevant to the point that most concerned the Roskill enquiry, the ability of a jury to digest months of technical evidence. But the jury discharged yesterday had been sitting since September. If the Serious Fraud Office decides to retry Mr Seelig, yet another jury would have to be empanelled for further months of service.

That daunting prospect explains and justifies Mr Justice Henry's exasperated quicker way to deal with serious fraud trials". It was likely, he went on, that a solution would have to be radical rather than "just tinkering". Clearly he does not think that the peculiar circumstances of this case - where Mr Seelig's mental health was obviously affecting his ability to defend himself prevent the drawing of a more general conclusion. In the matter of conducting major fraud trials with a jusy, Mr Justice Henry is indeed himself an expert witness.

The Department of Trade and Industry is sufficiently concerned about the strain on the jury system to have asked the present royal commission on criminal justice to look once more at the Roskill recommendations. As well as urging once more the replacement of juries by expert assessors, the commission would do well to dig deeper into the American way of combating fraud.

There, a more flexible range of offences and penalties opens the way to the sort of plea-bargaining that often sees a culprit prepared to submit to punishment without the need for a lengthy trial. The Securities and Exchange Commission has a quasijudicial power to impose large financial levies which are not technically fines — that offer an alternative remedy for serious fraud. Such flexibility is urgently needed in Britain. After yesterday's outcome the royal commission cannot leave the procedures for dealing with fraud as they stand. They are fair to nobody.

INTO HOT WATER

The average Briton spends a total of five days a year in the bath. This statistic is published today by one of the country's big five builders' merchants. So it must be true. The survey records that a quarter of its sample drank alcohol in their baths, nearly two-thirds read there and somewhat smaller fractions washed the dog, clipped their toenails, listened to music, made love, talked on the telephone, kept plants, drank coffee and went in for other ablutionary idiosyncrasies. Less popular supplementary bathtime activities included washing pet rabbits and Persian cats, duck racing, and calculating the bank balance. The ratio varies regionally. But most Britons take a bath for up to half an hour several times a week, averaging about ten minutes a day in the warm water.

If everybody averaged everything that he or she is alleged to do by such surveys, there would be no time left for answering pollsters' questions. But even if the British bathing survey is as liable to sampling error and to frivolous replies as all polls, it suggests a habit shift. The folklore, at any rate among foreigners, is that the British are reluctant and infrequent bathers. They are bothered by bidets and use bath-tubs, when they have them, to keep coal in. A Scorch wash is performed by putting dirty clothes in a bath with soap and water, and bouncing up and down on top of them. The Romans introduced regular bathing to Britain. But once they left, it took the natives more than 15 centuries to reinvent the habit.

English proverbs take a deprecatory line on baths. Wash your hands often, your feet seldom, and your head never. They who bathe in May will soon be laid in clay. Man does not live by soap alone and hygiene, or even health, is not much good unless you can take a healthy view of it - or better still treat it with healthy indifference. To save energy in the last war, Britons were encouraged to paint a plimsoil line nine inches high round the inside of their baths, above which they should not fill them. The king insisted that the line be drawn in all the palace baths. This produced the most notoriously impossible request from an American magazine's newsdesk: "Urgently need for next edition picture of king in bath. Rear view will do."

It is therefore good news, and not just for the neighbours, that the British are spending more time in baths. The bath is a seat of relaxation and creativity at the end of a hard day's labour. Winston Churchill had his best ideas in the bath and received Franklyn Roosevelt there. "We have no secrets from the American president," he declared, clad only in a cigar. Archimedes discovered in his bath the law that his body, and by extension any body, displaced its own bulk of water when immersed. He had been puzzling how to assay whether the gold of his king's crown had been alloyed with silver. When he stepped into his bath, full to the brim, it

slopped over the edge, and . . . eurekal The shower is American, bracing but transient. The bath is philosophical and wallowing. The highest response to the poll was that 68 per cent said that they dream in the bath. It seems that Britons are becoming more relaxed and civilised as well as cleaner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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David Plowright's departure from Granada Television

From Professor Michael Tracey

Sir, The forced resignation of David Plowright from Granada Television (report, February 4) is an appalling error of judgment, a slight to a man who has done much to provide Britain with pleasure, enlightenment and culture. Plowright is recognise by many inside and outside the UK as having masterminded the cre-ation and success of one of the world's most important broadcasting organisations, and the circumstances of his departure are one more shard of evidence as to the crisis of British television.

I write from within a television culture in which those who forced Plowright out would be very much at home: television as a commodity, TV stations as objects to be bought and sold, little or no commitment to excellence of standards, rank mediocrity, no strategic sense, an obsession with the bottom line and thus an obsession with the ratings. And the mediocrity of the television reflects the mediocrity of the society in which it exists.

British relevision is littered with the discarded bodies of programmemakers who had commitment, pas-sion, belief and real creativity in their work. David Plowright is the latest

From Lord Thomson of Monifieth

Sir, We support the plea by Lord Briggs and his colleagues fletter,

February 7) for a commitment by the

party leaders to provide the BBC, in

its new charter in 1996, with the

means to preserve the diversity and

character of its programming.

Quality in the commercially funded half of British broadcasting

is clearly under pressure from the

financial provisions of the new

Broadcasting Act (report, February

4). The removal of Mr David

Plowright as chairman of Granada TV is evidence of that danger, making it all the more vital that the

BBC of the future should be enabled

to maintain its full public service

The BBC has set up a series of working parties to consider its own future structure and functions. In an

organisation as big as the BBC no

doubt there is room for economy in

the use of scarce resources and for

reducing bureaucracy. But it would

be gravely damaging to the interests of the viewer and listener if the BBC

were to seek to convert itself into the

currently fashionable concept of a publisher-contractor. The BBC must

by making its own programmes in its

the results of the BBC's internal

review, which is being conducted in

private, may pre-empt proper dis-cussion of these important issues.

Whatever government emerges from

the general election should im-

mediately set up a committee of enquiry into the future of the BBC.

Notices of coding

We are therefore concerned that

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broadcasting remit.

and Mrs Jocelyn Hay

victim. The accountants, or in this case the caterer, took over. I would have thought it a useful

aphorism for the governance of human affairs that the purser should not navigate the ship and the catering manager should be let nowhere near the soup.

Yours sincerely (and in exile), 🔌 MICHAEL TRACEY (Director), University of Colorado at Boulder, Center for Mass Media Research, Macky 20, Campus Box 287. Boulder, Colorado 80309 0287, USA.

From Mr John Chittock

Sir. Over the last 40 years, we have witnessed the drastic decline of the British engineering and electronics industry, to the point that we are now a country that serves rather than produces. In a lecture organised by the

Department of Trade and Industry

this week, Mr Akio Morita, chairman of Sony Corporation, said: Here in the UK I am told some manufacturers are led by chief executives who do not understand the engineering that goes into their own products ... many UK corporations are headed by chartered accountants. This strikes me as

BBC as centre of excellence in a multi-channel age

the BBC's services.

debate.

Yours sincerely

101 Kings Drive,

Gravesend, Kent.

concerned.

today, broadcast television tomorrow. Would the board of Granada (and the Independent Television Commission) care to take note?

Yours faithfully. JOHN CHITTOCK. 37 Gower Street, WC1.

From the Chairman of the Directors Guild of Great Britain

Sir. This organisation represents over 1,200 directors, many of whom have worked, over the years, for Granada Television. We view the recent ruthless and cynical action over David Plowright with dismay. He is one of the few executives whose whole life has been devoted to public service broadcasting. This is, as Mr Plowright has shown, entirely compatible with making a fair profit.

Apparently, a fair profit is not enough for those who have so unceremoniously got rid of him. Granada Television, indeed the whole industry, is the poorer for his departure.

when BBC domestic television

showed a programme commemorating the 40th anniversary of the

Queen's accession. TF1, the French

television station, showed the programme that same evening. To date,

it has not been shown on the BBC's

BBC World Service radio is largely

financed by the government, which

will not wish to see its investment

endangered by the poor quality of the corporation's World Service tele-

N. LEONARD ALDERSON.

CH-1211 Geneva 12, Switzerland.

Sir. What some politicians regard as

the unpopularity of the BBC licence

system would be substantially re-moved if the fee were expressed as a

monthly figure, similar to the rent of

a video recorder or the subscription.

The monthly costs of home enter-tainment could then be readily

compared, and the BBC's provision

of two television channels, five nat-

ional radio networks and many local

radio stations, all for about £7 a

month, would be seen to be remark-

number of incidents which are foiled.

All we know of are those which

But, that said, it would I think be a

bold man who would assert that

cross-border security had greatly

improved since the signing of the

Anglo-Irish Agreement. Politically,

the aspirations of the republic over

part of the United Kingdom remain

expressed in their constitution as

before. One suspects that the

constitution cannot be changed

because of uncertainty of obtaining

the necessary majority to do so.

At least, therefore, so far as the

IRA is concerned, the south remains

a safe haven for terrorists, just as in

this country there must perforce be a

significant number of homes which

Irish terrorists can use safely as a

The price we paid for the Anglo-

Irish Agreement was to alienate a

very large number of Unionists. By

this I am not referring to the political

leadership, of whom most of us have

long since despaired. I am rather

thinking of the moderate middle-of-

ably good value for money.

Yours faithfully, LEONARD MIALL.

Maryfield Cottage.

February 8.

High Street, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Cargill International S.A.,

From Mr Leonard Miall

14 Chemin de Normandie.

Yours faithfully. JAMES CELLAN JONES, Chairman. The Directors Guild of Great Britain, Suffolk House, 108 Whitfield Place, W1.

World Service.

Yours faithfully.

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to a cable service.

February 10.

Engineering and manufacturing

Unlike the Peacock committee, its

terms of reference should con-

centrate on the best way to provide

the public funding necessary to maintain the range and quality of

Television and radio are today

probably the biggest single influence

on the character of the society in

which we live. The BBC's distinctive

role and responsibility become more, not less, significant in an age of multi-channel sacilite and cable. Its

future deserves the widest public

GEORGE THOMSON (Patron).

The Voice of the Listener and Viewer,

Sir, Asa Briggs and his colleagues write that "all around the world the

BBC is synonymous with high-quality programmes". As an Eng-lishman who has lived abroad for

most of the last 40 years, and who

never travels without his short-wave

radio, I can attest to this statement,

so far as BBC World Service radio is

Unfortunately, the worldwide re

putation of the BBC has been sullied

in the past year with the introduction of BBC World Service television.

Apart from an excellent evening

news programme, peak viewing times each day are filled with what

strike me as excruciatingly unfunny

comedy or quiz shows and soaps of

A notable example of missed

opportunity occurred last week,

JOCELYN HAY (Chairman),

From Mr N. Leonard Alderson

on unpaid bills From the Chairman of the Bar Council

Sir. Those of your readers who are solicitors and barristers will have been bemused to see Mr Alistair Sampson's confident assumption (letter, February 5) that one could count on the support of all three main parties for legislation entitling the small businessman to interest on bills outstanding for more than 60

Short arm of law

They will also have been astonished to see the under secretary of state for employment (letter, Feb ruary 7) proclaiming the need for industry to change its own payment practices, reassuring them that the government is actively encouraging this process and claiming to recognise that "the public sector should set an example."

They know that the government is one of the worst offenders, seeking to defend a system which is as indefen-

sible as it is dishonourable. The effect of regulations made by the under secretary of state's col-league, the Lord Chancellor, is that a solicitor or barrister acting for a legally-aided client in a civil dispute, and who has actually done the work has to wait 18 months to be paid anything, and can then claim only 54 per cent (paid in depreciated currency and without interest).

Common morality and elementary justice demand that no one should be expected by the government to wait months and indeed years to be paid for the work he has done. Such treatment would be bad enough if suffered at the hands of some private enterprise; suffered at the hands of the state, it is an outrage.

The Bar has always recognised its professional obligation to act for legally-aided clients, who are often the most underprivileged and defenceless members of society, even though this typically means working for fees substantially lower than those which can be commanded in the private sector. This is an absolutely fundamental obligation, voluntarily assumed by the Bar in the public interest. The least which the profession is entitled to ask in return is that the public purse should pay

promptly. As the under secretary of state says. the public sector should set an example. That process could usefully be set in train by remedying a longstanding grievance which ultimate threatens the proper and efficient administration of justice.

Yours faithfully, GARETH WILLIAMS, Chairman. 3 Bedford Row, WC1.

February 7. From Mr David H. Walton

Sir, Mr Sampson has revived yet again the old idea of charging recalcitrant debtors with interest on overdue accounts. The idea may seem attractive; but, as one who has been in credit control in smaller companies. I believe it to be a non-

The principal beneficiaries would be the big companies, who are already the bad payers, who would use their muscle to collect the interest from small hard-pressed customers. The small supplier companies would still be at the mercy of the big, often cash-rich corporations who pay at 90-plus days and take their business away upon even the slightest hint of

requesting proper terms. There is a further drawback. The sums involved are often not worth the efforts of calculation and collection, but give slow payers yet one more item in the account to query and haggle over, thereby extending the repayment of the proper debt.

Until the big corporation boards develop a proper morality towards their creditors, as is found in Japan, the small firms will continue to be cheap sources of finance. As the old song might have said, "It's the rich what gets the money, it's the poor what gets the blame".

Yours truly, DAVID H. WALTON, 10 St Guthlac's Close, Crowland, Lincolnshire. February 5.

even be the right moment to renegotiate the treaty.

Sir. Mr Schafer asks (letter, February 7) which occupations are held in high esteem. In surveys which I did in the mid-

Favoured occupations

From Professor John Radford

1980s among sixth-form students and undergraduates, accountancy came high for prestige and opportunities for advancement, but low for job satisfaction. Architecture, Mr Schafer's own profession, came quite high for all these and for responsibility. There was a similar pattern for subjects at degree level, the basis of professional training.

One occupation, however, and one subject of study, invariably came top whatever the criterion: medicine. Yours faithfully,

JOHN RADFORD (Chartered psychologist), 38 Cephas Avenue, E1.

From Mr Tom Harman Smith

Sir. Since we dentists have dropped the sulfix "surgeon", and started to care for our patients as well as their teeth, I suggest that dentistry has become an occupation that can be honoured by the public more than in the past.

Yours faithfully, TOM HARMAN SMITH, 2 Ravensdale Avenue, Business letters, page 21 North Finchley, N 12.

Price paid in Ulster

mind-numbing banality.

From the Director of Operations, Inland Revenue Sir. Mr Michael Banister setter,

February 4) asks why we issue notices of coding in January and February for the new tax year before the Chancellor announces the levels of tax allowances for that year.

The answer is that we have to review around 29 million tax records each year to make sure that every employee has a code number for the start of the new tax year on April 6. We try to ensure that each code reflects the latest information which we have about an individual's circumstances, so that as far as possible we

collect the right amount of tax. We need to tell employers about code changes in time for them to make the necessary adjustments to their payroll systems. All this takes time, and we would not be able to get revised codes in place for April 6 if we were to postpone our review until after the Budget.

For the vast majority of taxpayers the Budget changes can then be put into effect by employers without the issue of new notices of coding. In a typical year we issue notices o coding to fewer than 15 per cent of employees following the Budget.

Yours faithfully. K. V. DEACON. Director of Operations, Inland Revenue. Somerset House, WC2. February 6.

From Mr J. K. Dobson

Sir. The huge waste of paper and postage referred to by Mr Banister is but the tip of the iceberg. As the employer of a nanny, in the next few weeks I expect HM Collector of Taxes to send me, once again, a complete set of stationery for the fiscal year 1992-3 with which to administer her PAYE and National insurance contributions. This will be used for April and perhaps May. when it will be replaced by another

in addition to the apparent waste of paper and postage, it would be interesting to know the cost to the taxpayer of the administrative effort. Yours faithfully, JAMES DOBSON, Aucheniea, Torwoodhill Road,

(071) 782 5046.

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From Sir William van Straubenzee Sir, The political situation in Ireland, north and south, seems to be at a moment of pause. In the north, despite the best efforts of one of the most remarkable of our secretaries of state, political talks are in abeyance. In the south, a new prime minister has yet to set his stamp on govern-

It may therefore be the appropriate moment to ask a simple question: "What exactly are we in the United Kingdom getting out of the Anglo-Irish Agreement?"

It is easy to see how the agreement is valued by the south. We in the United Kingdom have given to a foreign country a special status in relation to our internal affairs. Many, like myself, who had considerable reservations about this at the time, went along with it on the basis of supporting ministers doing one of the most thankless tasks in government. We felt that if those ministers thought the move was right then they should be supported. My understanding, however, always was that one of the crucial consequences from our point of view would be greatly improved cross-border security.

Now I appreciate that security is a subject which cannot easily be discussed in public. Intelligence gathering, for example, by its very nature must remain murky as a recent trial in Northern Ireland has shown us. Furthermore, there is undoubted validity in the point that what we outsiders do not hear about is the

Inland Revenue Staff Federation Sir. When the Federation of Small Businesses complains (report, February 5) about the new uniform business rate and the long delays in getting appeals against assessments heard, they should treat the Department of Environment minister's explanations with some scepticism.

It is not only the appeal system for recruitment of temporary staff to get

the-way opinion in Northern Ireland which argues, with some justification, that if any other part of the United Kingdom had been involved we should never have agreed to a

treaty of this sort. It seems therefore the right moment to ask the question. It might

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM van STRAUBENZEE, York House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1. February 7.

The reason for the cut backs?

Principally because the DoE has

been delaying paying its bills to the agency and has been clawing back

money earmarked for the council

If the government handles these

appeals so badly, the prospective

council-tax payers ought to ask

themselves before the next general

election what kind of an appeals

system are we going to get for the

council tax, and when and how will it

Inland Revenue Staff Federation,

231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

Douglas Houghton House,

be administered?

CLIVE BROOKE,

General Secretary,

Yours faithfully

the council tax off the ground have New business rate now been suspended.

From the General Secretary of the

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February II: His Excellency Mr All Lakhdari was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from Algeria to the

Court of St James's. His Excellency was accompa nied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Hadi Brouri (Minister Counsellor), Mr Lamri Khelif (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mrs Zahra Bendib (Counsellor), Mr Mohamed Salah Zeghaida (Third Secretary), Mr Abdel-wahab Sahraoui (Attache), Mr

Azzedine Souidi (Attaché). Mr Mohamed Groussi (Attaché). Mrs Lakhdari was also received

by Her Majesty. Sir David Gillmore, Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was present and the Household in Waiting were in

attendance Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and

delivered up the Insignia of Office Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Com-mander of the Royal Victorian

Admiral Sir Richard Thomas was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as United Kingdom Military Repre-sentative on the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation: sub-

sequently he took the Oath upon his appointment as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and received the Insignia of Office. Sir Colin Cole (Garrer King of

Arms) was in attendance and administered the Oath. The Queen held a Council at

There were present: the Rr Hon John MacGregor, MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon David Hunt. MP (Secretary of State for Wales), the Rt Hon Richard Ryder. MP (Parliamentary Sec-retary to the Treasury), the Rt

Hon Alan Clark, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Defence). Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, the Hon Sir Gordon Slynn Judge of the European Court) and the Hon Sir Johan Steyn (Lord Justice of Appeal) were sworn in as mem-

bers of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the

Council. The Rt Hon John MacGregor, MP had an audience of Her

Majesty before the Council. The Queen and The Duke of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon in-augurated the London International Financial Funures and Options Exchange at Cannon Bridge, London EC4, and ware received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Brian Jenkins), Mr David Burton (Chairman) and Mr Michael Jenkins (Chief Executive).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited the Trading Floor where The Queen unveiled

commemorative plaque. The Duchess of Granton, Mr Robin Janvin, Mr Charles Anson, Lieutenant Colonel Blair

Colonel David Buchanan were in The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of

the Treasury! had an audience of The Queen this evening. The Duke of Edinburgh, President, the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, attended the 200th Meeting and later a Lunch to mark the Seventieth Anniversary of the foundation of the Com-mittee, at St James's Palace.

Lieutenant Commander Mal-coim Siliars, RN was in The Prince Edward, Trustee.

today gave a Lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award as Buckingham Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE February 11: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign, this afternoon opened the new offices at Providence House, Providence

Place, London N1. Mrs Howard Page and Miss Suzanne Mariand were in attendance.



Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, presenting Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, with a trade union banner depicting Cardinal Manning, a tribute from the Thames watermen and lightermen for his support during a dock strike in 1889. The

banner is being lent as part of the Cardinal Manning centenary exhibition

Prime Minister The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts last night at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Vice-President of America and Mrs Quayle. The

other guests were:

The American Ambassador, Mr Willia Kristol. Mr Karl Jackson, the He Douglas Hurd. MP. Sir Peny Crado and Mr Stephen Wall.

Pattenmakers' Company
The Lord Mayor, who was
accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and oress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Patten-makers' Company's Young Man-ager Development Scheme Award for 1992 to Mr Jan Boda of Newbold Shoes, winner of the company's major sponsorship, at the annual livery dinner held last night at Middle Temple Hall. Mr Boda receives a two-year training

programme.
Mr J.P.H.M.S. Cunyrighame,
Master, presided, assisted by Mr
R.P. Shepherd, Upper Warden,
Mr G.R.A. Andrews, Renter Warden, and Mr T.S.S. Black, Warden to the Trade. The Upper Warden and Mr Gilbert Gray. QC, also spoke.

Dinners During dinner the Trade Warden presented a pair of partens to

the Lord Mayor. Among others The Finnish Ambassador, Viscoust and Viscountes Marchwood, Str John Reid, Sir Alian David, Indee Brian Saredisty, OC, Rear-Admiral L E Middleson, the Cry Chamberian, the Commanding Officer of the University of Landon Ar Squadose, and the Collector of the Proposterion of Configurating Sections.

Honouzable Society of Knights of the Round Table Major-General M.J.H. Walsh, Knight President of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table, presided at a legal dinner held last right at the Inner Temple, Lord Griffiths, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, also spoke. Mr Allen Hayman, QC, Trea-surer of the Middle Temple, was

The Chartered Institute Management Accountants Mr David Knox, MP, was host at a dinner at the House of Commons last night on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Among those present were:

among others present.

Professor Analyses Liderman (CDSA president), Mr Fhilip Rewin and Mr Douglas McRase (vice-presidents), Str George Vallings (CDMA secretary), Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr Jack Aspinwall, MP, Mr Serson Bras, MP, Str William Clark, MP, Mr Him Coudins, MP, Hr Hames Cras. MP, Mr Berneth Besten, MP, Mr House Hous, MP, Mr Dowld Martin, MP, Mr Tomas McAwoy, MP, Mr Dowld Shaw, MP, Mr Bobin Squire, MP, Mr Bothach Pescock, MP, Mr David Shaw, MP, Mr Bobin Squire, MP, Mr Andrew Stewart, MF, Sir John Mr John, MP, Mr Dowld Shaw, MP, Mr Robin Squire, MP, Mr Andrew Stewart, MF, Sir John Mr John, Walse, MP,

Association
Mr Ilm Dougal, President of The Electrical Contractors Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Michael Howard, QC, Secretary of State for the annual statement was refricing quest Employment, was principal guest and speaker. Among the 1.000 people present were Office Bear-ers from the Leading Trade Associations, Confederations and Federations, EETPU, the perma-

nent Civil Service, Members of Parliament and leading figures

COMMANDING Officer, presided.

Among those present were:
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Frincipal of S Ritida's College, Fridasor R J O'Neill and Profusior E A
Roberts.

Appointments

Legal

Forthcoming

Mr M.J.N. Brennan and Miss A.M. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Brennan. of Godalming, Surrey, and Annabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Mitchell, of Stone, Staffordshire.

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Condrup, of

Hasternere, Surrey, and Nerys, daughter of Mrs Pierce-Hughes and the late Mr William Pierce-

Hughes, of Holywell, Clwyd.

Law Society
Mr Philip Ely, President of the
Law Society, was host at a
luncheon held yesterday at 60
Carey Street. Baroness Mailalien, Mr J.R.S. Canel and Miss A.C. Cum the Miss A.C. Camering
The engagement is announced between Jonatham, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Ross Capel, of Sydney, Australia, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Ian Cumming, of Culzean, Ayrshire, and Mrs Simon Pilkington, of Allington, Wiltshire. QC. and Mr Graeme Jump, President of the Manchester Law Society; were among the guests.

Royal Institution of Chartered Mr Ted Waits, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, entertained at huncheon yesterday at 12 Great George Street, SWI, Mr Robert Mr.J.R. Condrup Jackson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employand Miss N. Pierce Hughes

Today's royal

Luncheons

To mark the signing of the Anglo-Kuwaiti Deleace Co-operation Memorandum of Understanding. Mr Tom King, Secretary of

State for Defence, was host yes-serday at a huncheon held at

Lancaster House in honour of Shaikh Ali Sabah Al Salim Al

Sabah, Minister for Defence of

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engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce,

Commandant of the WRAC, will

Mr W.M. Demiston and Miss C.H. Woodho The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and will present the Better Environ-ment Awards for Industry at 8 John Adam Street at 11.10. Mrs James Denniston, La Celle, St Cloud, Paris, and Hannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Woodhouse, of Lancing College,

The Princess Royal, as an Honorary Member of Lloyd's, will attend a dinner at Whithread's Brewery. Chiswell Street EC1, at 7.00 in aid of the MTAN LOS Children in Cities Appeal. and Miss E.L. Barder The engagement is amounted between Adrian, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Christopher Lee, Crickhowell, Powys, and The Duke of Kent and the Duchess of Kent, as Controller

attend the farewell regime dinner at Guildhall at 7.30. Emily, only daughter of Mr Oliver Baxter, London, SWI, and

Mrs David Wingfield, Sibelia Road, London, SW4. Service dinner Oxford University Air Squadros Dr J.M. Roberts, Warden o Mr W.H.P. Leschall and Miss E.C. Harmade
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between William, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Anthony Leschallas, Merton College, Oxiond, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin, Air Member for Personnel, were the guests of bonour at the annual of Cranbrook, Kent, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Huxtable, of Bosham,

West Sussex.

dinner of the Oxford University Air Squadron held last night at Manor Road, Oxford, Squadron Leader J.D. Smithson, Commanding Officer, presided

Mr K. Armitage to be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to the Inland Revenue on the Northern Circuit.

marriages

Mr G.C.R. Miller and Miss C.E.C. Bennett The engagement is announced between Guy Christopher Raymond, only son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Miller, of Southgase, London, and Catherine Elizabeth Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.S. Bennett, of

Dulwich, London.

Captain T. Stokes and Miss N.M. Byrne The engagement is announced between Tim Stokes, Royal Artillery, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Stokes, of Garriston, Shropshire, and Nichola, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Byrne, of Bli Bli, Australia, and Mrs Mora Byrne, of Ruffee,

France.

Dr R.H. The and Dr M.A.J. Williams The engagement is announced between Robert Hugh, son of Mr. and Mrs Hugh R. Thomas, of

Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, and Michèle Amanda Joy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith R. Williams, of Lodsworth, West

Mr C.J. Watkinson and Miss C.A. Holder The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Warkinson, of Gowthorpe Manor, Swardeston.

Norfolk, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holder, of Lee Farm House,

Mr B.S. Whitenen and Miss E.C. Norbury

The engagement is announced between Barrie, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Whitman, of Bleasby, Nothinghamshire, and Claire, daughter of the late Dr Keith Norbury and of Mrs Norbury, of

Bath, Avon.

Mr C. Wie

and Miss A. Tebbs The engagement is announced between Craig, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Wise, of Bath, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr D. Tebbs, of Wimbledon, and

Mrs A. Chilton, of Edington, Withhire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Campion. poet and musician, London, 1567; Jan Swammerdam, emo-mologist, Amsterdam, 1637; Charles Darwin, naturalist, Shrewsbury, 1809; Abraham Lincoln. 16th president of the USA 1861-65, Larue County. Ken-tucky, 1809; George Meredith, novelist. Portsmouth, 1828; Ma-rie Lloyd, music hall entertainer, London, 1870;

DEATHS: Lady Jane Grey, queen of England May 6-19, 1553, executed, London 1554; Charles Le Brun, painter, Versailles, 1690: Pierre Marivaux, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1763: Immanuel Kant, philos-opher, Königsberg, Germany, 1804: Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, London, 1841; Hans von Bulow, planist and conductor. Cairo, 1894; Emile Waldteufel, com-poser, Paris, 1915;

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HIRTHS

BAKER - On February 10th SARSHAM On January 30th. to Tricts the Hawksfield and John, a doughter. Victoria Rechael. With special thanks to every-one at Princess Anne Hospital at Southampton and at G4. Southampton General. MENTLEY-BUCKLE - On Feb

BRUINVELS - On February 11th, to Susan the Shepherd) and Michael, a son, Charles Runald George.

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Claresa and Simon. a daughter. Tamara Elizabeth, a seser for Katriona. PRICE - On February 2nd 1992 to Claim and Nicholas. SHARKS On February 8th to Lesley three Chark) and Peter a claughter Madeleine Jentier, a sister for Jessica. TOMPICES - On January 25th 1992, lo Mark and Sarath, a daughter, habeile Diana

ADAMS - On February 9th.
Mary Vera. at Easton-on-the-Hill. Service at SI Mary and All Bainis, Fotheringhay on Monday 17th, February 11,30 am followed by private cremation (Family only) Enquiries to R. J.

CASS - On February 9th Raymond Charles. peacefully at home after a jong filmers courageously borne, Dearly loved husband of Carote and fisher of Julian, David and Peter, Filmera Service at St James's Church, Bodiey Road, New Maiden on Tuesday February 18th at 11.3Gam followed by cremation at followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: Royal Maraden Hospital. Cancer Research Fund. Downs Rosatt. Stition, Sutrey 22

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DDRON - On February 9th, peacefully. Annie Lillan Joyce, aped 81 years, wife of the lale Frank, much loved mother of Rob and Paul, grandmother of Nicola. Simon and James Fuseral Service at Church of St. Peter and St Paul, Shiptake, on Monday February 17th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations for imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd. 36. Eldon Road. Reading.

DOBSON - On February Sth suddenly, Reg. aged 79 late of Kenley.

EVANS - On February Tih, at his home, Geflinaf, Cloth Hall Lane, Cefn Cordo, Merthyr Tydfil. Cordon Donald, beloved husband of Doreen. Decoted faither of Nicholas and Karen-Mina, much loved father-in-law of Anne and Garry and dearest grandfather of Robert, Ross, William and Thomas. Funeral details: Revmond lies & Bons Tet-Os8 4538. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research Wales, Velludre Hospital. Whitchurch. Caront Cra TXL

FOGELL - On February 7th, after a short illness bravely borne, Marlin Fogell, 8 Mus. 2A. ARCM pl., LTCL FTCL befoved busband of Annie, will be remembered and loved forever, a genile and loving man to all Shalom.

BILLHAM - On February 2nd peacefully at Willen Hospics, Milton Krupes, Dennis Victor (Dimmy) Godder, restorer and gentleman Much loved by his family and friends. Funeral Service took place at Crown Hit Crematorhum on Thursday February 6th. Service Conducted by Riccerand Cites Godder. Denaitons if desmed to Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes.

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GOOKE - On February 10th.
George William Cooke
C.B.E. F.R.S.. aged 76
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London Enquiries to L.C.
Weston Funeral Directors,
No 25 17 Leyton Road,
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Finalis On January 20th.

January William of Hissocks.

Funeral has taken place but a
Memorial Service will be
held on Thursday March
19th at The Brighton College
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Brighton at 12.30pm.
Enquiries to William Collins
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Burgess Hill. Sugger.

Telephone, 0444 871515

gondom - On France: 9th suddenly and precedily in hospital, Pritzd, widow of Paul Gordon, beloved mether of None and adored grandmother of Tara. Much respected former England Bridge player and women's World champion. Cremation service 9.30 are on February 13th at Putnery Vale, Kingdon Road, Flowers and conquiries to J. H. Kenyon. Finemal Directors. 9 Pond Street Harpspekent.

Mokimmon Wood - On February 9th. In hospital. In her 99th year. Mrs Katherine McKianon Wood, widow of the late Professor Hugh McKianon Wood. Truch fower snother of Jennifer and Robin. Grandmother: Cremation at Grandmother: Crematorium. Holders Hill Road. Jam Felday 14th February. February 10th 1992. peacefully, James Angus. 7th

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MEETING of the CREDITORS of
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NOTAGE IS FURTHER CIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dortunghon. FIPA of 4. Charterhouse Square, London, SCIM 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified insolvency practitioner pursuint to Section 98 226a of the said Act who will furnish Creditions with such information in February 1992 and Indian Section 1992 and Fohrhary 1992 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD P.H. DONAGHY, DIRECTOR.

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HELMINTHOPHOBIA (a) A nemvite and obsessive fear of being, or becoming, infested with worms, from the Greek helmins, helminth—an intestinal worm: "These obsessive ablations and abstinence from food is a symptom of her helminthophobia." SERIA

(a) Punctual, happy, blessed, from a Germanic word meaning lack or happiness, the modern offshoot in English is zilly: "In gode tyme and seely to begynne their prestingened." GILRAVAGE -

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OBITUARIES

LEON CLORE

Leon Clore, the film producer who backed many of the rising generation of British directors in the 1950s, died in London on February 10 aged 73. He was born in Brighton on July 9, 1918.

MORE than once Leon Clore was compared to Diaghilev. At first glance no comparison could seem more unlikely than that between the flamboyant Russian and the determinedly unassuming Englishman. And yet there is no denying that for a whole vital generation of British cinema Clore was a discoverer of talent, a bringer-together of people with complementary gifts as well as being general impresario and patron. Possibly the flowering of filmmaking which sprang from the Free Cinema movement in the 1950s failed finally to match the splendours of the Ballets Russes, but at least it happened, and the influence of Clore in bringing it about was crucial.

He was a quiet, retiring man. hardly even mentioned in most of the books about post-war British cinema. That is not surprising, since he had little interest in personal publicity and little time for anything he reckoned irrelevant to his work. What he did consider important was the fostering of creative talent, the making of good films, and the pres-ervation of fairness and sanity in areas not noted for such qualities. He would fight to the death for his film-makers: whether it was to secure for the McCarthy exile Joseph Losey the freedom to work under his own name again on Time Without Pity after years of enforced pseudonymity: or to stand between Lindsay Anderson and the Ford Motor



Company on Every Day Except Christmas, which Ford had commissioned, to ensure that it had precisely the length and shape Anderson required. Clore was always rock-like in his determination.

He was born into what was to prove a family of self-made sycoons: The late Charles Clore was an uncle. Leon had not settled on a career when overtaken by the war, but he found a congenial kind of war service on the photographic side of flight reconnaissance in the RAF. After the war he went almost auto-

matically into documentary filmmaking, which was then still importantly sponsored by the government through the Crown Film Unit. Before the unit was abolished in 1952 Clore had moved on into independent film-making and his first taste of major public success came with The Conquest of Everest, a documentary which was shown to the Queen to mark her coronation and subsequently had a successful circuit release.

At this time Clore had his own company called Basic Films and



Clore and, left, Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons in The French Lieutenant's Woman directed by Karel Reisz

through this he was responsible for many shorts, usually sponsored by public companies and charities. Through it he met Lindsay Anderson who had happened to edit one of his early films in Clore's cutting rooms and had taken on Clore's future wife Miriam as an editing assistant. In 1955 Anderson agreed to help edit a film sponsored by the British Film institute, Lorenza Mazetti's Together, and found there were no facilities to do so until these were obligingly supplied by Clore. From that time Clore was central to

the Free Cinema Movement. launched at the National Film Theatre with a season of that title in 1955. With his long-time left wing sympathies, Clore found young firebrands like Anderson and Karel Reisz congenial, and ended up producing important documentaries by both (Every Day Except Christmas and We are the Lambeth Boys respectively) as well as employing hem in his fast-growing production of television commercials.

After his experience working with Losey on Time Without Pity he was ready to go into full-scale feature production, starting modestly with Virgin Island (1958), a charming comedy directed by another ex-documentary man, Pat Jackson, and then working with Karel Reisz, with whom he produced Morgan - A Suitable Case for Treatment (1966), one of the key films of the Swinging Sixties (directed by Reisz himself). All Neat in Black Stockings (1969) was an indifferent comedy with Susan George. Clore's experiences in features were at once invigorating and disillusioning and for more than a decade he withdrew completely, until lured back by the idea of producing The French Lieutenant's Woman, from the novel by John Fowles, which reunited him with Karel Reisz.

A man of quiet culture and unfailing (if slightly lugubrious) good humour, Leon Clore was one of those rare people in the film business with little ego, happy when he was working with a few close associates and getting his kind of film made

He is survived by his wife, Miriam, and their son Marius.

APPRECIATIONS

Alec Grant

Wainwright prints. YOU mentioned (obituary, hills, from the Chilterns to the February 5) Alec's particular interest in the advancement of higher education: and indeed I first met him some 20 years ago when he was the member of the then Inner London Education Authority most expert in the matters of

student grants. But there was another side to his life that no one who visited him could miss. Facing his desk in the Royal Courts of Justice was a large detailed aerial photograph of snow-covered mountain tops: and the principal decoration

Equator. He was an active member of the UK branch of the Austrian Alpine Club. and was planning a club meet for this month. The hills of the Lake District were his especial love: his ashes have now been scattered on a favourite top. And even in recent years, he could put off going for a blood test by

referring to the effects of high

altitude on the composition of the blood "since I have just

returned from Kilimanjaro".

in his flat was a series of

Alec was at home in the

John Bevan

John Parry

AS A professional broadcaster whose career began while still a schoolboy in Rhodesia, entirely thanks to John Parry (obituary. February 7), who taught me all about broadcasting. I was lucky enough to work with and for him during what was probably his heyday in radio.

John Parry was Rhodesia Radio and, without any doubt, the most versatile and most talented broadcaster I have ever known. He could do

anything...he was blessed with the most beautiful voice which he put to the most wonderful use. He was an actor of distinction, a fine newsreader, most knowledgable about music, an original producer, a presenter of children's programmes and one of the best cricket commentators I have ever heard. Add to this his humour and unfailing humanity and I think it is no hyperbole to say that John Party was one whose like will not be seen again.

preciate W. B. Yeats - his

life-long inspiration — as much as Walt Whitman.

whose "redskin" tradition in

American poetry, the San Francisco movement sought

to continue and authenticate.

Both his books on Yeats, W. B. Yeats, Self Critic (1951), a

study of the early verse, and W. B. Yeats: The Later Poetry

(1964), are highly thought of. So, equally, is Poet, Poems, Movements (1987), for its

sympathetic and wide-rang-

ing treatment of so many

differing traditions, from

Lawrence Ferlinghetti to

A Casebook on the Beat

was not the first book on the

Beat movement but it was the

first to treat the phenomenon

with scholarly seriousness

Robert Lowell.

Clive Roslin

THOMAS PARKINSON

Thomas Parkinson, American academic, critic of the Beat movement and poet, died in San Francisco on January 14 aged 71. He was born in San Francisco on February 24, 1920.

THOMAS Francis Parkinson was a professor on the Berkeley campus of the Univ-ersity of California from 1948 until his retirement last year, and as such wielded an enormous influence on generations of students. A Yeats scholar and one of the first academic historians of the Beat poets, he was also a leading participant in the movement known as the San Francisco Renaissance. He was unlucky never to become as widely known as some of the other poets in this move-

Mant Parkinson received his degree from Berkeley in 1945 after a spell in the United States Army Air Force. He was an assistant professor-there from 1948 to 1953 and professor of English from 1960 until last year. He received a Guggenheim fellow-ship in 1957 and the American Book Award in 1988. He was a distinguished visitor at many universities, including St John's College, Oxford, where in 1984-85 he was senior research fellow.

A reticent man, he was nevertheless the unhappy victim, in 1961, of an attempted assassination. A religious fa-natic who claimed that God had ordered him to shoot "commie professors" let loose with a shotgun in his office. wounding Parkinson in the face and killing a colleague.

Parkinson was a most eclectic man, who could ap-

and understanding, and it has exercised considerable influence. A compilation of writings by and about Beat poets, it contains commentaries by the poets themselves, and comments, as Parkinson put it, "pro and con". Parkinson was active in the ecological movement before most people were aware of it. Protect the Earth (1970) amply demonstrate. As a poet he

tended to lack concentration. but largely compensated for this by his burning sincerity and feeling for the telling phrase. He wrote a valuable book on Hart Crane and Yvor Winters: Their Literary Correspondence (1978). But he will be remembered chiefly as an all-round man: an inspired and inspiring teacher. who always sought to balance literature with the real world. He is survived by his wife

FEB 12 ON THIS DAY 1912

Joseph Lister, later Lord Lister (1827-1912) was the founder of antiseptic medicine and a pioneer in preventive medicine. As The Times

leader put it, "the lives saved through Lister's art are those which would have ended, in the wat majority of cases, in grievous pain". He was one of the twelve original members of the Order of Merit.

LORD LISTER

In LORD LISTER, whose death we announce this morning a great man has passed away from the company of the living. If true worth be mea-sured by work accomplished for the benefit of mankind, very few worthier have lived and

It is no figure of speech to say that the whole civilized world will feel his loss and revere his memory, for every part of it has shared in the benefits he con-ferred on the human race. He may be called the great life-saver. More than ten years ago. as the full memoir we publish on another page reminds us, it was computed that he had then already saved more human lives than all the wars of the nineseenth century had sac-rificed; and the record has been steadily rolling up ever since.

it is a most wonderful achievement for one man and not easy to grasp. But there is probably little or no exaggera-tion in the statement. Nor does the saving of life - with all that it implies, in the relieving of anxiety, the conversion of sorrow into joy, and the enrich-ment of mankind — cover the

whole story.

The lives saved through LISTER's art are those which would have ended, in the vast majority of cases, in grievous pain. He has prevented not less suffering than premature death. How this has been brought about is explained in our memoir. The general public, though familiar with LIST-ER's name and aware that he was a great surgeon, has prob-ably but a vague idea of what he actually did. It may be summed up thus: he discovered the principles and established the practice of scientific cleanliness and applied them to surgery. Thus stated, it does not sound much, and indeed the whole thing is now so self-evident, so simple and complete, that we have considerable difficulty in realising the state of ignorance which pre-vailed when he began his

and their two daughters.

researches. Into this field of conventional, orthodox practice, with its frightful tale of suffering and death, entered the man of genius, the pioneer. He began, as all the great lights of science have begun, by observ-ing the facts before him. He observed them more closely than his colleagues, and sought to explain them. He noticed the great mortality following op-erations and injuries in which the skin was broken and the in attempting to remedy this prevalent evil, which was emphasised by the expansion of operative surgery due to the introduction of anaesthetics, he was led to search for the

While pursuing the quest with open eyes and alen mind, he learnt of PASTEUR's final proof that the processes of fermentation and putrefaction were caused by the presence and growth of living or-ganisms. This gave him the clue he was looking for.

LISTER was the true type of scientific genius. He had the idea and the capacity to work it out with infinite pains. He saw surgery revolutionised. He saw all the old evils of his youth the dreadful festering wounds, the gangrene, blood-poison-ing, and fever that decimated the hospitals — awapt away, he saw operative mortality diminished to a fraction of what it had been; he saw limbs and lives saved which would formerly have had no chance, and vast new regions of surgery opened up. His dream had come one, and more, and it was his doing.

ERNEST THORNTON

Ernest Thornton, MBE, former Labour MP for Farnworth and junior minister in the first Wilson government, died on February 5 aged 86. He was born on May 18, 1905.

ERNEST Thornton was the type of Labour MP which po longer exists. He started work on his 13th birthday, learned his politics at socialist Sunday school, was a union official in his twenties and served as mayor of his home town before becoming an MP. He was a small, pipe-smoking figure, an infrequent speaker in the House but a man who worked rumself to exhaustion when he entered the government. For many years men and women like Thornton provided the backbone of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Thornton was a cotton man. He was born into the industry in Burnley. His father and mother were both cotton workers and Thornton followed them the day he left Walverden Council School in Nelson. He earned four shillings a week for a 12-hour day for a five-day week. He never had any doubts about his politics and during his teens he was an ardent member of the old Independent Labour Party. After eight years as a weaver he became a costing clerk, having attended the evening classes which he always regarded as his true education. By 1929 he had become a full-time official of the trade union movement which would dominate so much of his life.

He was appointed assistant secretary of the Weavers and Winders Association in Rochdale, the town which was to become his home, and in 1940 he became the union's secretary. In the wider union field he was secretary of the United Textile Factory Workers Association from 1943 to 1953 and president of the Amalgamated Weavers Association from 1960 to 1965. His knowledge of industry was recognised by his membership, from 1943 to 1948. of the Lord President's Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and of the council of the British Cotton Industry Research As-

sociation (1948-1953). He was elected to Rochdale Council during the 1930s and in 1942 he became the youngest mayor at the age of 37. When George Tomlinson, the former education minister who had also begun

work as a cotton weaver, died in 1952, Thornton was a popular choice to succeed him as the MP for Farnworth. He won the by-election comfortably by more than 7,000 votes — a majority which Thornton had more than doubled by the time he fought his last general

In the House he was naturally regarded as one of the major authorities on textiles and when Harold Wilson became prime minister in 1964 Thornton was appointed joint parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of Labour. His great achievement was the Redundancy Payments Bill, which benefited 785,000 workers after he had piloted it through the Commons.



When the prime minister of-fered him office again after the 1966 Labour victory Thornton decided that he had had enough of government. He soldiered on as MP until 1970 when he decided that it was time for a younger MP to take his scat.

Thornton will be remembered with gratitude in Hong Kong for his part in restricting the working hours of women and children. The conditions he saw there horrified him. His dedication to textile workers everywhere produced his successful pleas to the British government to change what was happening in Hong Kong. He was appointed MBE in 1951 and in 1970 was a deputy lieutenant for Manchester Metropolitan

County. He was married, in 1930, to Evelyn Ingham, of Nelson, who died in 1983. They had two sons, one of whom died in

FRITZI GORDON

Fritzi Gordon, international bridge player, died in London on February 8. The official encylopaedia of bridge gives her year of birth as 1916.

FRITZI Gordon formed part of the most famous - and most tempestuous women's partnership in the history of bridge. With Rixi Markus she won the world mixed teams event in 1962, the Women's World Team Olympiad in 1964 (these being the only two bridge olympiad events Britain has ever won) and the world women's pairs in 1962 and, by a record margin, in 1974. She also won the women's European Championship seven times, had numerous successes in British events and was the second woman to attain the rank of world grandmaster - Marcus being the

Born in Vienna of middle class Jewish parents. Fritzi Gordon became the buyer for a Salzburg department store but moved to Graz on marriage. After the Anschluss she fled with her husband Paul to London.

Among the many Austrian refugees who came to Britain was her brother Hans, a ranking bridge expert, and Dr Paul Stern, a bridge "great" who had returned his Iron Cross to Hitler and was No. 11 on the Nazi hit list. In this company Gordon quickly showed a talent for the game. When war came her husband joined the Pioneer Corps. which excepted her from the curfew imposed on most enemy aliens. This was no small consideration, as by now she was winning regularly at appreciable stakes in clubs such as Crockfords, the Hamilton, and the Lyndhurst, where play often continued late at night.



When tournament bridge revived after the war she soon began to make her mark but her partnership with the innately-talented Marcus did not begin until 1951. It was owed to the inspiration of Sydney Lee, a physician and leading bridge player who captained the British women's team in that year's European championship. At half-time in their last vital match Britain seemed

headed for defeat so Lee decided on a last throw: he broke up two established partnerships and formed a new combi-nation. Britain won the championship and the new partnership became the most awesome that women's bridge has known, combining exceptional skill with an apparent power to unnerve opponents, not limited to other women. Marcus, too, had fled the Nazis, yet despite this shared background the two

never became friends: as persons, they had in common only their bridge skills and a tigerish appetite for success. Their bickering in bridge post-mortems, which they kept in check when representing Britain, could at other times make the rivalries of actresses and prima donnas seem bland, and although Gordon could not match Marcus's speed and accuracy of analysis, her barbs sometimes struck home. Once Marcus broke an iron rule by passing her partner's forcing bid: disastrously, a slam was missed. In mitigation Marcus pleaded a precedent from the distant past, where a plus score could have been obtained only by passing a similar forcing bid. Gordon was able to remember the hand. "Yes, Rixi," she purred, "But on that occasion it was you who made the forcing bid."

Sometimes the two would break up their partnership and not speak to each other for months or longer; but although both could win with other partners (and Marcus continues to do so), they recognised that the true magic worked only when they played together. Their last big tournament was the Monte Carlo Olympiad in 1976.

Gordon's skill at bridge earned her an affluent old age. She is survived by her

THOMAS TALBOT

Thomas Talbot, CB, QC, who died on February 8 aged 87, was Counsel to the Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords.

1953-77 and assistant counsel for a further five years until his retirement in 1982. He was born on December 21, 1904.

THE most important function of the post of Counsel to the Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords lies in the field of private legislation and it is no secret that the holder can exercise a considerable influence over the form and content of private bills. Tom Talbot set about doing so and made a notable contribution in that regard. He was concerned at the proliferation of powers sought by local authorities and at the unnecessary deviations in the form of clauses aimed at achieving similar effects in different parts of the country. He devoted his energies to trying to achieve a rationalisation of the private statute book.

Thomas George Talbot was the son of Sir George Talbot, the distinguished high court judge. He was called to the bar by the Inner Temple in 1929 and practised until he joined the Scots Guards in 1940. He was invalided out In 1944 after losing part of a leg and then joined the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. There he remained until he became Counsel to the Chair-

man of Committees. His first attempt at bringing greater clarity and reason to the private statute book through the 1959 Joint Committee of both Houses on the Promotion of Private Bills was not successful. The joint committee took evidence from Talbot but their recommendations must have disappointed him. Indeed, they reversed decisions already taken by the Chairman of Committees and Chairman of Ways and Means which Talbot had supported.

The Local Government Act 1972 gave Talbot the opportunity to bring some order

act provided that as from a given date all local authority private acts would be repealed. In consequence it was necessary for local authorities to seek fresh powers from Parliament. The South Gla-morgan Bill of 1974-75 was the first of the new local authority bills. It had a slow passage through the Lords with the promoters being required to prove their need for many of those powers they had had previously. Talbot's inclination would have been to be far more restrictive in granting new powers than Parliament eventually was. His efforts to achieve consistency in local authority legislation were however, rewarded with the issue in 1977 of a series of 85 "common clauses" for use in the

into private legislation. The

were to follow the South Glamorgan Bill. With his successor as Counsel to the Lord Chairman he played a prominent part, in

new local authority bills that

settling the form of these clauses. When he retired in 1982 his ambition for a more consistent and less cluttered private statute book was more than half realised. Talbot was also involved in

of parliamentary agents, in

the lengthy proceedings on whether the Callaghan gov-ernment's Aircraft and Shipbuilding Bill of 1977 was hybrid. Normally, questions of hybridity are decided by one of the clerks of private bills of the two Houses who act also as examiners. However, because of the importance of this particular examination and the mass of legal argument, counsel to the Speaker and Talbot were both additionally appointed examiners. It is no secret that the examiners' report, a masterly analysis of hybridity, was largely written by Talbot. Outside the House, Talbot

was active in the life of the Inner Temple of which he was made a bencher in 1960. He leaves his widow. Cynconsultation with a number thia, and four children.

Memorial service

infancy.

Mr Peter Willes A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Peter Willes was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald

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Mr John Stride gave a reading and Mr Harold Pinter, Mr Hugh Whitemore and Miss Dorothy Tutin gave addresses. Among Mr Dudley Pishbarn, MP. Lord Hanson, Lady Sarah Baily, Lady Hersey Goring, Lady Antonia Pinger, Lady (Patricia) Potter. others present were:

Polier.

Mr John Fairley (director of programmes, Vortshire Television) with
Mr Keith Etchardson (director
of entertainments). Dr Geoff Brownies
(controller, corporine affairs), Mrs Carol
Ormerod, Mr Richard Whiteley, Mr
David Reynolds, Miss Barbara Hosking,
and other past and present members of

staff, Mr Jeny Taylor (Channal Four Television), Mr D Hellewell (Tyne Tets Television), Colonel John Clark-Ken-nedy, Major R M Collins and Major Gerald Charrington (Sch/12th Royal Lancers), Mr Alan Cowle Robben Holden), Mr Alan Planer (Writers' Gulld of Greet Britain), Mr Brien Codd (Roger Hancock).

of Great Britain), Mr Brisa Choo 1809er Hancock).

Mr O Ward Thomas, Mr and Mrs Robert Cardena, Mr and Mrs Donald Baversock, Mr David Cunliffe, Mr Derek Warting, Mrs John Stride, Mr Derek Warting, Mrs John Stride, Mr Peter Bartworth, Mr and Mrs Donald Sinden, Mrs Shella Mercler. Mrs Mutel Young, Mr Peter Salls, Miss Guen Warford, Miss Disans Coupland, Miss Jindy Campbell, Miss Nicola Paget, Mr Julian Glower, Miss Julia Poster, Mr and Mrs Patrick Allen, Mr Nack Hedley, Miss Nasaha Kroll, Mrs Max Jaffa, Mrs Simos Parker Bowles, Miss Judy Cornwell, Mr and Mrs Charles Wood, Mr and Mrs Michael Tales, Mrs Hoard, Miss Riry Black, Mr and Mrs Read Mrs Riry Black, Mr and Mrs Peter Nichols, Mr Basil Scholings and Mr Brian Harris.

Latest wills

Sir Terence Charles Stuart Morrison-Scott, of Fernhurst, West Museum (Natural History) 1960-68, and formerly of the Science Museum, 1956-60, left estate valued at £14,588 net.

Mr Frank George Griffith Carr, of Blackheath, south-east London, Director of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich 1947-66, left estate valued at £525,383 net. Martha Barr, of Arkley,

Hernfordshire, left estate valued at £189,596 net. She left her entire estate to her trustees for the relief of cancer sufferers. Patricia Margaret Wright, of Little Hadham, Hertfordshire,

left estaté valued at £231,917 net. She left her estate equally between the Hedley Atkins unit at Guy's Hospital, London, and the Friends of Covent Garden. Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mrs James Rodney Cooper. of Chorley, Lancashire E549,950. Mrs Daphne Miranda Coving-ton, of Graffham, West £1,029,076. Sussex..... Mrs Doris Winifred Dix. of

Birthdays today

General Sir John Akehurst, 62; General Sir John Archer, 68; Professor A.H. Beckett, former professor of pharmacy, 72; Lord Brocket, 40: Viscount Chandos, 39; Miss Annette Crosbie, actress, 34: Mr Howard Davies, controller, Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales, 41.

Sir James Dunnett, civil servani, 78; Dr K.J.R. Edwards. vice-chancellor, Leicester University, 58; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse, 64: Mr Stephen Gibbs, former chairman, Turner and Newall, 72; Lord Granville of Mr John Ruskin Bucknell Eye, 93; Lord Greene of Harrow Latimer, of Newbold, Derbyshire £553,957. publisher, 66;Mlss Christine

Hancock, general-secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 49.
Mr Anthony Howard, political journalist,

Sir Robin Mackworth-Young. Librarian Emeritus to The Queen, 72: Lord Morison, 61; Lord Moyola, 69; Mr John Raisman, former chairman, Shell UK, 63.

Mr Justice Rougier, 60; Sir Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, principal, University of Wales College of Cardiff, 66; Lord Wigoder, QC, 71; Mr Albert Williams, trades unionist, 65; Mr Franco Zeffirelli, opera, film and theatrical producer and designer,

American troops to stay in Europe, Quayle tells Hurd

BY MICRAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

VICE-PRESIDENT Dan Quayle yesterday reassured Britain that American troops would stay in Europe for as long as they were needed, and repeated his denials that there was a link with progress of the Gatt trade talks.

He told Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that America had a firm commitment to the defence of Europe. Quite separately, he voiced Washington's concern about the

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much. I worked myself into

the ground. I now plan a long

holiday and who knows what

I shall be doing after that."

The judge gave the prosecu-

tion seven days to decide

whether to carry on the case

against Lord Spens before a

new jury.
This is the second time in

five days that one of the four

proposed trials arising from the Guinness affair has been

abandoned. Last Friday, the

SFO said that it would offer no evidence in what would

have been Guinness III, also involving Mr Seelig. Eliza-beth Gloster, QC, for the SFO, said that new evidence

presented by his co-defendant

David Mayhew, of the stock-

broker Cazenove, made con-

In Guinness II, jurors have, since the start of the year,

heard just two and a half days

of evidence from witnesses.

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Naylor, aged 36, described by

the crown as one of Clowes's lieutenants, was jailed for 18

months, convicted on one

charge of theft arising out of

During the 112-day trial

the jury heard how Clowes, aged 49, of Wilmslow, Chesh-

tors' cash and lived "the life of

Riley". He had bought a vine-

yard, a chateau, a luxury

yacht, fast cars and an expen-

sive house. The Gibraltar-

ire, had siphoned off inve

victions unlikely.

slow progress on Gatt, where Washington has strongly criticised the European Community's tough stand on agriculture. Mr Hurd agreed that a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round was a "political imperative".

Mr Quayle has been embarrassed by the furore over his reported threat to withdraw US troops if Europe did not make concessions on Gatt. He twice denied mak-

much of it intensive cross-

examination by Mr Seelig on

points that they could not answer. There had also been

long legal arguments.

The judge said that last year he had advised Mr

Seelig to seek medical help

with the doctor reporting to

the judge, but he had replied

that his time was better spent

on his defence. "Prophetically

and significantly, he did not

want to have the trial stopped

because of his medical condi-

tion," the judge said. Mr Seelig had later been

prescribed anti-depressants.

A mild stroke in 1990 had

caused some brain damage.

Two psychiatrists had diag-

nosed agitated depression

and high anxiety, preventing

The judge said: "His emot-

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based Barlow Clowes Inter-

national should have had

£115 million worth of invest-ments. Receivers found only

E1.9 million in gilts. The rest

Anthony Hacking, QC, counsel for Clowes, said his client would not benefit from

the fraud. "For him it is a

back to rags," he said in mitigation. Clowes faced civil

proceedings involving writs of

more than £100 million

which would bankrupt him.

sustained concentration.

onal reserves exhausted."

Clowes sentenced for

'Britain's worst fraud'

Seelig illness halts

Guinness trial

ing any such statement at a recent security conference in Munich. But he told Mr Hurd that Congress was in a belligerent mood over the trade talks, and suggested that several senators and conressmen were ready to press for troop cuts if they failed. Mr Quayle, who is return-

ing home through London after a tour of the Baltic states, also sought Britain's views on aiding the former Soviet Union, Mr Hurd emmembership of the Interna-tional Monetary Fund for Russia and Ukraine, and again pressed Britain's view that the West should underpin a rouble stabilisation fund as swiftly as possible.

The repatriation from Hong Kong of another group of Vietnamese boat people today was also a main topic of Mr Quayle's talks with Mr Hurd. Washington has quietly dropped its earlier outspoken opposition, especially after the US navy began re-turning Haitian refugees from the American base at Guantanamo in Cuba. However, Mr Quayle caused an-ger in Hong Kong on Mon-day when he described all Vietnamese boat people as political refugees, even though the US agreed three years ago that many are economic migrants who must go

Speaking in Geneva, Mr Quayle rejected comparisons with the exodus from Haiti. and said that all the Haitian refugees were screened. Mr Hurd reminded him that all those to be repairiated to Viet-nam had been screened to ensure that none was a political refugee. Britain is hoping that today's operation, the first since December 10, will

go ahead without protest.

British and American demands for the extradition from Libya of the two men accused of the Lockerbie bombing were also discussed. Both sides said they were satisfied with the progress made in the United Nations Security Council. The Foreign Office yesterday reacted sceptically to a Washington Post report that the two had

Mr Quayle had talks with Downing Street before returning to Washington last

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Healing visit: The Princess of Wales at the Taj Mahal with a guide yesterday

with gales in exposed areas. Northern Ireland and western England, Scotland and Wales can expect some heavy rain in the morning, extending into rest of England and Scotland in the afternoon. Clearer, showery weather

Princess visits monument to love

THE Princess of Wales went alone yesterday to India's monument to love, the Taj Mahal. while her husband met architecture students. and businessmen in Delhi. The white marble mansoleum built by the 17th century Shah Jehan for his wife was cleared of tourists for the princess's visit, which she described as "a

escinating experience ... very healing".

While in Agra, the princess also toured a Marie Stopes family planning clinic, where she questioned pregnant women about their circumstances. Dr Sudesh Bahl Dhall, who heiped to found the charity's Indian wing, was

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delighted by the princess's concern, saying: "I think it will give a lot of push to our work."

Before flying from Delhi to Agra, the princess had joined the prince in an extended visit to Sonia Gandhi, the widow of the former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, and they are expected to meet her again before leaving India on Samuda

Addressing the Indo-British Industrialists' Forum, the prince praised the economic reforms of the prime minister, PV Narasimha Rao, and predicted that the economy was poised to take a dramatic leap forward.

Wet and windy in many places,

Political sketch

Howard takes the shine off

There was a man called Gerald Rainer, said Labour's Dawn Primarolo (Bristol S) "who had a selling technique for getting rid of ... She paused. Mr Speaker frowned. "...

rubbish". Ms Primarolo did not use Mr Ratner's word, and nor shall L Let us just say that. in a choice between a Ratner earring, a prawn sandwich and yesterday's "white paper" from employment secretary Michaci Howard, it's a toss-up between sandwich and

It was a plastic carring of a white paper. A party political broadcast, really, it was called "People, Jobs and Opportunities". The people were Tory ministers, the jobs were their own and the opportunity was for Mr Howard to strut the polit-ical stage before a general

Unluckily for him, it was also an opportunity for his Labour shadow, Tony Blair, to do the same: and, crisp though Howard's parliamentary performances are, Blair's are just as good.

White paper in hand, Howard rose to tell us what was in it, starting with the phrase "agenda for action". We guessed there was noth-

ing in it.

The first page (of three and a half) contained only abstract nouns. "Widen the abstract nouns. Widen the choices", "respond to the aspirations", "enable the potential of each and every individual person" (aargh!) "to be released ...". MPs realised that the individual person whose potential Mr Howard especially wanted to be released was Mr Howard's potential to be something better than emloyment secretary. He launched into the sec-

ond page with an airy wave. "It contains fourteen new proposals". He would "con-fine" himself to "a summary of the most important". Aha! So this was just a foretaste of the cornucopia of legislative fruit still ripen-ing in his ministerial locker These were the pine-apples, today. MPs were soon wondering how insig-nificant could be the gooseberries he was not

bothering them with. First, he said, he would be venturing *proposals* for a type of indenture (he avoided this word) whereby a trainee might be bound to trained him. Venturing proposals is what MPs call a green paper, to distinguish it from a white paper, but

what's a quibble about pig-mentation when there's an

election on? "Second, we shall continue to promote the development, by voluntary means' of employee involvement and responsive pay arrangements "rewarding individual perforance". Golly. So much for the rumour-that government wants unresponsive pay ar-rangements which fail to reward performance.

Third - brace yourselves:

this one's a stunner - "we shall enable libraries to make available to the public vocational learning materials and back-up services". The glazed looks by now evident on the faces of his own side were probably just shock at the size of this challenge. But the minister struck out for yet wilder shores: Fourthly, we shall continue to tailor the help we offer to people to the needs of individuals ..." wave by wave. Mr How-ard's impossible dreams rolled over the dispatch box, each braver than the last. "Fifthly, we shall work with other member states for an EC which supports an increase in the number

Yould there be more, or were we too shellshocked to take it in? "Finally ... I am announcing an important new initiative to provide credits to people ... Individuals will be able to use the credits to purchase a 'skill check' to help "map out their future training and career op-tions." This was the prawn

of jobs available.

sandwich. We had reached page four. Two paragraphs of vision followed — "vital to our future", "ladders of opportunity" ... and Mr Howard sat down.

Labour's Tony Blair arose and pulled the sandwich apart, extracting the admission that there might be no new money to pay for the prawns unless the Treasury provided it. After Blair, other MPs

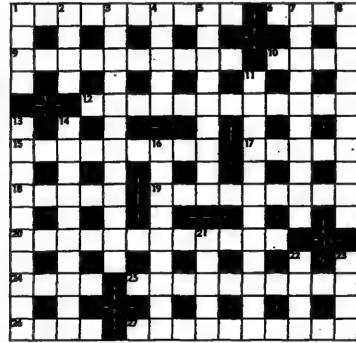
rose to question the minis-ter. Edwina Currie turned her enquiry into a discreet personal 'skill check', mapping out her future training and career options: she essayed an elegant little rant about Labour's folly. David Nicholson (C. Taunton) said something about "availability for work". Mr Ho

derstood what Mr Nichol-

MATTHEW PARRIS

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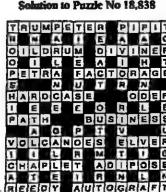
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WORD WATCHER

By Philip Howard

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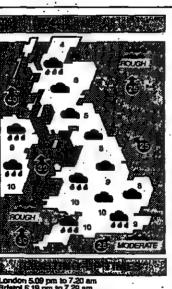
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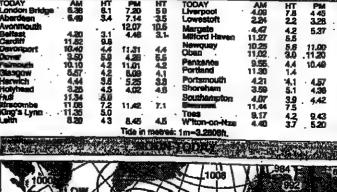
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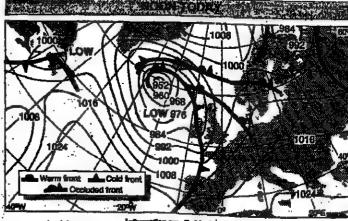
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

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Instead of the modest recovery it. like Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had predicted for the second half of 1991, the Bank now says no recovery took place last

Lamont and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank, were still talking of recovery being under way, though difficult to discern. Partial data have subsequently convinced the government that recovery will be weaker and slower to arrive than Mr Lamont forecast in his autumn statement in November.

'Still bumping along the bottom'

Gloomy Bank

backs down

on recovery

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

year. Until the new year, Mr

The economy is now expected to grow about 1 per cent this year, less than half that forecast in the autumn statement, after a decline of international environment is *2.5 per cent in 199), the steepest calendar year drop

since the great depression.

The Bank, while confirming that the recession has lasted six quarters, was reluc-tant to predict precisely when it will end, although its central assumption is that "modest, slow recovery will come this year. Officials say the along the bottom".

Treasury cheered by producer prices

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury hailed as "excellent news" the latest official data on producer prices, which showed inflation at Britain's factory gates runcent in January, the lowest

THE Bank of England

has retreated from the op-

timistic reading of the

economy it gave in Nov-

ember to report that the

recession has become the

longest since the war and

that recovery is proving

Its gloomy reassessment, in

the latest Quarterly Bulletin,

confirmed the picture out-

lined by Treasury officials last

week. The Bank's current

view is founded mainly on the

tack of consumer confidence

at home, but the worsening

seen as important. Aithough

the Bank can still see no sign

of a "double-dip" recession in

Britain, it is concerned about

signs of a decline in

expectations.

increase since mid-1988. Keen to highlight its success in combating inflation, in the absence of any signs of economic upturm, the Treasury has, in recent months, sought to underline the reduction of underlying infla-tionary pressure as a key part of the foundations being laid for a sustained and low-infla-

tion recovery.
The Central Statistical Office figures showed the output price of manufactured goods rising 0.7 per cent in Janu-

ary. However, the annual rate slowed to 4.5 per cent from

4.9 per cent in December. More important, the core rate of increase, which ex-cludes food, drink and tobacco prices, decelerated to an annual 3.1 per cent, the lowest since August 1969. In December, the annual in-

crease was 3.7 per cent. The official retail prices index, due on Friday, is expected to show annual inflation slowing to about 4.3 per cent in January from 4.5 per cent

in December. The producer price data were broadly in line with City expectations and confirmed the widespread view that inflation was not a concern for the government at present.

Statistical Office's leading indicators continue to rise, suggesting that conditions "that in the past accompanied recovery" were again in place. Real incomes and consumption, however, were "essentially flat".

The Bank is particularly concerned about the risk posed by the fall in house prices and its impact on consumer confidence — hence its strong support for Mr Lamont's decision in December to lift stamp duty on houses temporarily.

The Bank indicated that market expectations of an early cut in domestic rates were a misreading of its recent actions. But its message on inflation suggests that core inflation close to an annual 2 per cent is well within grasp, which could give scope for interest rate cuts this year. Despite subdued growth of the money supply, the Bank voiced confidence that Britain does not face the "credit crunch" restraining recovery in America.

The bulletin said the inter-

national environment remained tough. The American recovery had faltered, Japa-nese growth had decelerated rather faster, and the European economies, especially Germany, had also slowed. Against this backdrop, Britain's performance had been disappointing. The Bank said manufacturing output had continued to decline, summer, and a firming in service sector output was likely to prove a "false dawn". Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Board chairman. told a banking conference in San Antonio, Texas, that the Fed believes the amount of money in the economy after recent cuts in interest rates should be adequate to stimu-late growth. He reiterated that the Fed is prepared to ease further if necessary. His

tained at 0.4p.
Mr Sugar said that trading remarks prompted a dollar

bottoming out.
"We have no intention of

The company has net cash balances of £40 million and net assets at the half-year end of 54p a share. Mr Sugar said the strong balance sheet combined with a cost-cutting restructuring and the launch of new products meant the group was "laying very good foundations for a recovery in our next financial year". The shares closed up 2p at 28p.

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Safe pair of hands: Lord King, chairman, gave warning that there would have to be further cost cuts

Amstrad plunges to its first loss

AMSTRAD, the electronics group headed by Alan Sugar, has announced its first loss after suffering a dramatic fall

The deficit before tax for the six months to end-December was £15.2 million, compared with a pre-tax profit of £40.1 million for the same period in 1990. Turnover slumped from £326.6 million to £196.1 million as a result of the company's withdrawal from the electronic games market and an oversupply of personal computers. The in-terim dividend was main-

conditions remained tough but that the company was seeing signs of a slight recov-ery in the German market, and that prices in the personal computer market were

giving up our position in the computer market, and we believe we are weathering the storm in which too many manufacturers were chasing the same recession-affected consumer market," he said. Mr Sugar said that stock

levels were higher than ex-pected, but he was confident that the book value of the stocks would be realised, and that no significant write-downs would be needed in the second half. Last year the company wrote down the value of its unsold computers by £20.4 million.

change markets. Ofgas rejects consumer claims

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

mission charges which relate

to distance, nor to reduce

sales under contracts which

allow supplies to be halted at

times of peak demand.
"If British Gas does create

regional pricing in the tariff

sector it will be, in my view, a

vindictive step," Sir James

SIR James McKinnon, the no reason to introduce transgas industry regulator, has rejected claims by British Gas that consumers in the South-West of Britain, and large industrial customers, could lose as a consequence of moves to

increase competition. The director general of gas

supply said British Gas has

PRICE Waterhouse, administrator to Maxwell Communication Corporation, plans to send a sale memorandum on Panini, MCC's Italian football card publisher, to in-

terested parties next week. It hopes to complete a sale by the end of March. Panini made profits on jurnover of £160 million in its atest accounts but has not

BY WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

overruns resulting from extra work car-

ried out. The dispute raised concern

that the opening of the £2.2 billion project, scheduled for April 12, might

have to be delayed, although Euro Disneyland has always maintained that

the opening date was never under

Euro Disneyland yesterday took a

Sale boards up at Panini ship is not disputed.

Panini is one of several European interests of MCC that the administrators are trying to sell. The exhibitions and information services divisions of Maxwell Business Communications Group might be sold by the end of this month. The business magazine division is likely to take longer to sell because of

said. He said regional pricing would add to British Gas's costs, and said there would be no profit advantage because the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas) allowed the company a return on its transmission business as a whole. Sir James also insisted new

suppliers entering the gas

market should make gas available under interruptible contracts, ensuring total interruptible volumes did not diminish. Sir James's assault came as he unveiled the Ofgas annual report. The report showed a 130 per cent increase last year, to 918, in the number of serious complaints about British Gas made to Ofgas by the company's customers. North Thames region and South Eastern region continued to the most occasion complaints.

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BA flies above forecasts BY MARTIN WALLER

BRITISH Airways soared ourselves well to take advanahead of stock market forecasts in the third quarter. Pretax profits in the three months to December 31 rose fivefold to £100 million, sendditions, it is essential to seek

ing the shares up 23p to 248p. Results for the same period of 1990 had been badly affected by the run-up to the Gulf war, said Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive; airline passenger figures had declined sharply. However, analysts had expected little more than £35 million before

tax this time. In the last nine months of 1991, BA made pre-tax profits of £285 million, down from £340 million. The workforce was cut 11 per cent to just under 49,000, but staff costs rose by 5 per cent because of an 11 per cent pay settlement dating from the start of 1991. Lord King, the chairman, appeared to be preparing employees for fur-ther cuts. "We are positioning

agreement over the livery for tage of economic recovery when it happens in our major markets," he said. "Meanwhile, in these uncertain conairline.

further cost savings." BA made no reference to the much-discussed link with KLM, the Dutch carrier, though earlier indications had been that the two companies had aimed to reach an

agreement this week. Both sides are believed still to be keen on a merger, but talks have become bogged down on the question of the profit shares they would draw from the venture. KLM has said BA wants an 80 per cent share, to reflect the greater cost savings and efficiencies it has achieved; BA is apparently not convinced by the Dutch counter-argument that KLM should take 40 per cent. BA's unexpectedly good financial performance therefore adds weight to its arguments.

There has been further dis-

superior to that of the Dutch Sir Colin said the last nine

months of 1991 saw an operating surplus of £319 million, ahead by 14 per cent. That largely reflected the return to profit after the Gulf war. There was an extraordinary item of £140 million from the sale of the business previously carried out by BA Engine

Turnover for the third quarter was up 6 per cent to £1.31 billion. Passenger numbers fell 3.1 per cent but a better passenger mix brought improved yields. 7 per cent. Lower average fuel prices, together with lower consumption and improved fuel efficiency, produced fuel and oil costs of £136 million, a saving of 28 per cent.

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Disney to compensate workers

partial step in resolving the problems by agreeing to compensate 40 subcontrac-EURO Disneyland, the group that is tors that are owed money from the building the Disney theme park outside Gabot/Eremeo contracting group. A spokesman said the amount could not Paris, has agreed to compensate 40 subcontractors left stranded after they had been refused payment by one of the yet be determined but added it would run into tens of millions of francs. Euro project's 16 main building contractors. Disneyland does not have any specific The move has been interpreted as a obligations towards the subcontractors, first step by Euro Disneyland to defuse but the move is regarded as a gesture to show the company's determination to resolve the conflict with the main a dispute that broke out last month when the main contractors claimed an additional Fr850 million to cover cost

The spokesman said Euro Disneyland paid Gabot/Eremeo for extra work being carried out, but there was a dispute over the amount. He said: "If we did not pay, the subcontractors would go into bankruptcy. We call this black-

mail. We could not accept that." In a statement released yesterday, said, however, that progress was being

Euro Disneyland said: "This agreement made to resolve that issue.

tion, and a local builders' federation. The settlement came after threats by some of the subcontractors to demon strate at the theme park on the opening day and after calls on the French gov ernment to become involved in the matter. However, the resolution of the subcontractors' difficulties does not by itself constitute an end to the dispute with the 16 main contractors about the

alleged cost overruns. The spokesman

bears testimony to Euro Disney's will-

ingness to take into account a difficult

and, in some cases, dramatic situation,

into which these companies have been

plunged because of the default of the

group with which they had a contract."

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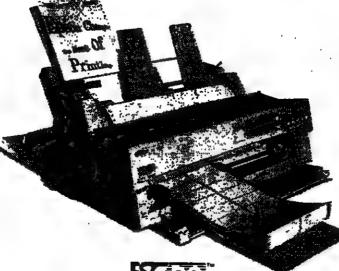
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By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

GPA, the world's largest aircraft leasing company, has quickly shrugged off the airline industry's troubles to make a record quarterly prof-It before its planned international share flotation.

in the three months to end-December, GPA, which is based in Ireland but accounts in dollars, recorded net profits after tax of \$73 million. compared with \$55 million a year earlier, on revenue up 12 per cent to \$584 million. The rise in net profit reflects a recovery in sales of packages of aircraft on operating lease to investors but is partly due to lower bonuses and a lower tax charge.

The autumn recovery reversed a 12 per cent fall in profits in the first six months to leave nine month profits' marginally up at \$197 million. Earnings are up from \$1.65 to \$1.69 per share.

Dr Tony Ryan, the chair-man said: "Last year was one of the toughest in the history of civil aviation. It was the first year since 1945 traffic did not grow, but growth has recommenced and we expect it to continue over the remainder of the decade. We reacted to the downturn by

Asil Nadir

for trial at

Old Bailey

Asil Nadir, the former chair-

day committed for trial at the

Old Bailey on 66 charges of theft and three of false

accounting involving almost

Penal levies on

Korean radios

The European Commission

imposed provisional anti-dumping duties of up to 38.3

per cent on Korean car radi-

os, on the ground that unfair pricing had wiped out Euro-pean makers' profit margins. The commission said imports

of Korean car radios had

risen by 190 per cent between 1985 and 1990, taking Kore-

an makers' market share from 15 to 27.4 per cent. More than 50 of about 70

Korean companies involved

had declined to co-operate

with a pricing investigation and would have to pay the full

anti-dumping duty. The oth-

ers — including Goldstar, Hyundai and Samsung — would be subject to duties of

between 0.25 and 33.95 per

Jenkins in black

Dudley Jenkins, a direct mail

overall cut of 10 per cent.

Monthly commissions paid by bourse members were reduced by 33 per cent, from Fr 180,000 to Fr 120,000.

Lasmo oil find

Lasmo, the oil exploration

company, has made a second

Crowcroft succeeds Dick

Hosie, who is leaving to set up

his own consultancy.

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and controlling overheads". Profit margins on operating leases have fallen, partly because hedging against interest rate movements left littie benefit from falling rates, but margins on selling aircraft on lease to investors, which accounts for about 60

Maurice Folcy, the chief executive, said the airline industry had not yet recovered financial stability. Airlines were generally emerging from the recession and the impact of the Gulf war, but with fragile balance sheets.

per cent of profits, improved.

GPA has four aircraft on lease to TWA, which has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in America. These were likely to be reclaimed and placed elsewhere if TWA does not resume payments after the 60 day moratorium. The group has 27 non-performing leases out of its total owned and managed portfolio of 392. Mr Foley said that on average, payments were about 12 days overdue, though still 18

days in advance. During 1991, GPA se-cured \$2.2 billion of new fi-nance, including a \$500 mil-

lion bond issue in December. Liquidity improved after being run down in the early months of the year. Mr Foley said GPA and Citibank were in an advanced stage of talks on a proposed global closed-end institutional fund that could own about \$500 million of modern aircraft on

operating leases from GPA.
No decision has yet been taken on the timing of the planned simultaneous flotation in New York, London and Tokyo, but it seems likely to be in the late spring. Be-tween \$700 million and \$1 billion of shares may be sold. including new money and some shares from larger existing shareholders such as Aer Lingus and Air Canada.

The flotation will be aimed principally at institutional investors and would probably use a book-building system. such as that employed for the latest sale of BT shares, if, as now seems likely, the GPA sale is centred in America. Avianca, the Colombian carrier, which is the world's second oldest airline, will resume using engines built by Rolls-Royce later this year when it takes delivery of two

BAe puts £79m into **Burwood House**

man of Polly Peck, was yester-BRITISH Aerospace has confirmed that it has paid £79 million into Burwood House, a property company that it jointly owns with Asda, the supermarket group.

However, the payment has not fully resolved the long-Bow Street magistrates also sent for trial John Turner, aged 52, the company's forrunning dispute between the mer chief accountant. Mr Turner faces 10 false two companies. Asda, while welcoming the payment, said it would now consider whethaccounting charges involving er to exercise a put option that Mr Nadir, aged 50, of it alleges was contained in the Westminster, was granted original agreement signed by continuing conditional bail. the two companies in 1989. Mr Turner, of Wallingford, BAe said, in its view, no such

An Asda spokesman said: "Our legal advice is that that is not quite the case. We believe there is a put option." He stressed, however, that a decision to execute the option had not yet been taken. Asda's directors, he said, were

considering their position. Burwood House came into being at the end of 1989 when Arlington, BAe's then

recently acquired property development subsidiary. teamed up with Gazeley Holdings, Asda's property subsidiary.

At the time, Asda injected £350 million of supermarket properties, while Arlington's contribution was about £75 million of property development interests

The £79 million that has now been paid to Burwood House was liable under an indemnity clause requiring Arlington to make up for any fall in value in the properties termined at the end of De-

cember 1990. Arlington believes payment of the money into Burwood House honours its contractural commitment and avoids any question of either a put or call option being executed by

Gazeley. An Arlington spokesman said: "Any such effort by Asda will be rigorously refuted."

Gateway denies it is to shed 3,000 jobs

Gateway supermarket group vesterday denied claims by Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, that it planned to make up to 3,000 staff redundant.

The company could not put a figure, however, on the number of jobs that would go eventually.

supplier, made an interim pre-tax profit of £254,000 The row between the union (£376,000) in the six months and the management crupted to October 31, after a secondafter the two sides held talks half loss last year. The interim last Thursday. A spokesman for the group said that the management team had individend is raised from 1.3p **Bourse fees cut** formed union officials that it was seeking cost savings The French stock exchanges equivalent to cutting 2,000 association reduced various fees paid by traders on French bourses, giving an

full-time jobs. The spokesman said, however, that management had stressed its intention was not

MANAGEMENT at the to simply cut jobs. The group is looking at a package of cost-cutting measures, including more part-time working, overtime reductions and a freeze in recruitment," he said. "Until negotiations at a local level have finished, the group will not know how many jobs are likely to go. All the union has succeeded in

doing is alarming the staff." Gateway employs about 43,000 full-time and parttime staff. The number of fulltime equivalent jobs is more than 30,000.

Meanwhile, Safeway yesterday announced it was creating 2,000 new jobs. It said it would take on the extra staff during the next two months at nine new supermarkets, mostly in town centres.

Outhwaite names' payout to average £117,000



Barbados-bound: Peter Nutting outside Lloyd's yesterday after hammering out a deal to end a four-month legal battle with underwriters

By Jonathan Prynn

THE 987 loss-making Lloyd's names who took on one of the leading Lloyd's underwriting agencies and 80 Lloyd's members agents in a four-month legal battle in the High Court will receive cheques averaging £117,000 in early April after agreeing a

settlement of the case.
The final terms of the settlement were announced yesterday morning following an all-night negotiating session. Agreement in principle was reached on Sunday.

At a brief court hearing yesterday afternoon, Anthony Boswood, QC, counsel for the names, told Mr Justice Saville that the parties had reached agreement during a one-week adjourment. The deal is subject to final approv al by the members of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, who will meet on March 4.

The names will be paid a total of £116 million. This includes E61 million for cash calls made or paid to date, £19 million to cover interest, £34 million as compensation for the risk of future deterioration of the syndicate, and £2 million to cover the costs of bringing the action.

Of the 495 per cent losses so far declared on the stricken Outhwaite syndicate 371/661, litigating names will be returned about 450 per cent. The 600 names on the syndicate who did not join the action will not benefit from the settlement.

In a letter to the members of the Outhwaite Names Association, Peter Nutting, its chairman, said that the committee had been "unanimous in finding these proposals acceptable. The decision to settle had been driven by the possibility that a successful judgment would be subject to appeal and that arguments over the size of the liability "could have meant that we were winning but would see no cash for two years at the

very best".

The settlement will be paid by the errors and omissions underwriters who provided cover for the 81 agencies being sued by the names. The errors and omissions policies were written by a number of

Lloyd's syndicates represent-ing about 16,000 names. Mr Nutting, who left for a holiday in Barbados yester-day afternoon, said he had "absolutely no doubt" that he would be making a contribution to settlement payment through his participation on other syndicates. Stephen Merrett, a leading

errors and omissions underwriter, said the decision to settle was not influenced by scale of the costs.

YRM eyes east Europe as way to beat recession

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

YRM, the quoted architectural practice, is looking to eastem Europe for work as the recession takes its toll in the

The group has set up a Berlin office and a presence in Czechoslovakia, where it is involved in the project to redevelop the Hotel Praha in Prague as a Hyatt Hilton.

YRM has decided to mainsain the interim dividend at 1.65p, despite a drop in pretax profits for the six months

to end-October from

E888,000 to £534,000. Turnover fell from £12.3 million to £10.2 million. The interest bill was down from £172,000 to £45,000, but redundancy and related costs knocked £337,000 off pre-tax profits. Earnings per share fell from 4. lp to 2.54p.

The search for overseas work has taken the group to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Brian Henderson, YRM's

deterioration in second-half

□ Redland's £580 million

hostile bid for Steetley has

been extended until February

24, with acceptances from

holders of 1.7 per cent of the

The offer is under consider-

ation at the Office of Fair

Trading, while the Tarmac-

Steetley link is with the Euro-

pean Commission, although

the British Department of

Trade and Industry has re-

quested jurisdiction over the

Rulings from both Brussels

and the Office of Fair Trad-

ing are likely by the end of

share capital.

chairman, said: "YRM must and will seek commissions in all available territories," Mr Henderson said few

new projects had arisen in Britain, and the group had experienced highly competi-tive fee bargaining. But it has secured some high-profile commissions. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has appointed YRM Engineers as building services consultants for its London premises in Broadgare. Channel 4 has

appointed the group to fit out its London headquarters, and the Glasgow office has won contracts for structural and services engineering on the new museum of Scotland and to design a mixed retail and business development in Edinburgh's Princes Street. Mr Henderson said: "Sig-

nificant cost savings have been and are being achieved. The cash position remains healthy, and the group has a low level of borrowings. YRM is therefore in a strong pos ition to respond to an economic upturn.

There can be little doubt that 1992 will be another challenging year. However, YRM has an excellent blend of design and management skills and is well equipped to increase its share of available commissions both at home and overseas. We are a resilient company and will emerge from this recession in stronger shape than before." The shares were unchanged

Opec holds talks to cut output

BY MARTIN BARROW

MEMBERS of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries begin talks today aimed at securing a 5 per cent cut in output to stabilise crude prices in the second quarter. Opec ministers meet in Geneva hoping to reach agreement on a formula that would end the production free-for-all that caused prices to fall almost 20 per cent this

Opec prices are about \$4 below the cartel's target of \$21 a barrel and could dip further unless the 13-member group acts before a seasonal drop in demand starts in March. North Sea Brent, which trades at a \$2 premium to Opec crudes, was down 18 cents at \$18.61 yesterday.

Ministers fear that prices will fall further in the second quarter when demand falls as the northern hemisphere emerges from the winter quarter and stocks are depleted. A 5 per cent cut from current output levels of 24.1 considered enough to avert a collapse in prices but Opec's members are divided about which countries should bear the brunt of lower quotas.

Saudi Arabia, producing 8.5 million bpd or 35 per cent of Opec's output, argues that pro-rata cuts should apply to each member. However, smaller producers, such as Ecuador, Gabon and Algeria, maintain this is unfair. Opec has yet to agree a formula that would allow Iraq to resume exporting oil without affecting prices.

Pountain gives up day-to-day control

By MARTIN WALLER profit warning after a further

SIR Eric Pountain is giving up day-to-day running of Tarmac, the building materials and construction group he has headed for 13 years. His Simms, aged 47 and 11 years his junior, who is currently head of the construction division and will become chief

A spokesman for the company denied that there had been any institutional pressure for Sir Eric, who remains as chairman, to let go of the reins, but said the move reflected "a need to strengthen the core, having regard to the difficult trading conditions". Bryan Baker, managing di-

rector, aged 59, becomes deputy chairman, but Mr Simms is expected to take over as chairman in due course. Market sources said the de-

cision to step down came after a groundswell of institutional disillusion over Tarmac. which was felt to have lost its way and as a result suffered even more than the rest of the building sector from the recession. There was some scepwould be sufficient to assuage shareholder unrest.

The price has tumbled from 280p last March to a low of 97p before Christmas. although the shares now trade some 20p higher. Pretax profits of £190.7 million for 1990 are likely to slump to E50 million when the group reports for 1991 this spring. and the market expects dividends to be slashed.

In December, announcing a link with Steetley, another the quality of evidence of any particular witness, but by the building materials firm. Tarmac was forced to issue a

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America accused of dumping coal

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

large oil discovery in its block THE European Commission of an oilfield in Colombia. is investigating allegations by The new well is in the Magdalena valley. During two tests, it yielded oil at 2,800 and 3,000 barrels per day. British Coal that rival American coal is being dumped on the European market. The timing of the enquiry could SAS buys stake not have come at a worse time for the commission, which is Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) is acquiring a 51 per cent stake in Linjeflyg, a desperately trying to prevent already strained relations Swedish domestic airline. with Washington developing

into an all-out trade war. SAS said Linjeflyg would EC sources fear that the continue as an independent airline, but the two com-British Coal suit could spark panies would work closely a backlash from the Americans, who can point to the huge subsidies given to the German coal industry as Blenheim post Blenheim Group, one of the world's leading exhibitions being trade distorting. But a level playing field is essential organisers, has appointed Christopher Crowcroft, aged 32, as its finance director. Mr for the survival of British Coal, which next year loses its exclusive contracts to supply

British electricity generators.

The commission, which

has not publicly commented

Brittan: persuasion on the dumping charges, is expected to decide whether to launch an enquiry within a week. Last year, it dismissed a similar complaint made by British Coal on the grounds of flimsy evidence.

This time, however, British Coal believes as a stronger case. In the part year, it has closed 14 pits and shed 13,000 jobs, and seen its an92.3 million tonnes to 87.5 million tonnes. At the same time imports of coal into Britain rose from 14.5 million tonnes to 17.5 million tonnes. Coal imported from America is estimated to make up 45 per cent of the annual 130 million tonnes that comes into the EC from third countries. The commission has asked

British Coal for more evidence, and a spokesman confirmed yesterday that this was being sent to Brussels, although he would not say what it was. "There are now no subsidies on British coal. We can't allow our commercial position to be undermined by an aggregation of instances of unfair dumping." he said.

British Coal also mentions China and Colombia in its complaint. However, if the commission does decide to take action and slap tariffs on incoming American coal, the Americans will find it easy to justify retaliation. While Britain, Belgium

and Spain have all severely rationalised their coal industries in the past few years, the German coal industry continues to be massively subsidised, mainly through the anachronistic "100-year contract" it has with German electricity producers, which are bound to buy the bulk of their coking coal from German collieries at up to three times normal market prices.

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community competition commissioner, has persuaded Bonn that the 100-year contract should account for no more than 20 per cent of German colliery output by 1995, but for the moment German taxpayers are spending £25,000 pounds a year on each of the country's 133,000 miners.

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Institutions sit it out on the sidelines

SUGGESTIONS that an-Other cut in bank base rates is being considered were mostly discounted by the stock market. Share prices gave up an carly lead to finish almost unchanged on the day.

Turnover of shares this week clearly reflects the continued absence of any genuine investment support because of the uncertain economic and political outlook. Only 432 million shares had been traded by the close of business yesterday, and the bulk of this was made up of dealings between marketmakers who are attempting to maintain level trading pos-itions in the absence of any genuine investment pattern

Dealers say the low level of corporate activity and trading news is only exacerbating the situation. The FT-SE 100 index enjoyed an early mark up on the back of a firm overnight performance on Wall Street, but failed to hold on to it. The index fluctuated in narrow limits throughout the day and finished 1.3 lower at 2,537.1.

Government securities fared a little better although failing to hold best levels. Prices at the longer end closed with gains of £10.

Among leaders, Glavo fell 11p to 817p after UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, cut the current year. Elsewhere, prices were mixed with ICI 13p better at £12.71, while

Wellcome fell 9p to £11.18. Shares of British Airways look as though they may be due for a re-rating after surging 23p to 248p in the wake of some better than expected third-quarter results. These revealed pre-tax profits of £100 million compared with market estimates ranging from E20 million to E60 million. They correspond with last year's figure of £20 million reflecting the impact of the Gulf War. The group said the rise in profits was auribut-

Rolls-Royce was a nervous market, slipping 2 2p to 142p. Analysts visit the group's Derby operations later today here the new Trent engine ls built. Despite an uncertain start, with British Airways opting for General Electric, the group remains confident about prospects for Trent. Brokers say confidence is starting to grow again in the shares.

ed to increased passenger traffic and lower fuel costs. By contrast, half-year figures from Amstrad, Alan Sugar's consumer electronics group, made grim reading with the group plunging into the red for the first time. Amstrad recorded a pre-tax **BRITISH AIRWAYS** ANOTHER REPATING FOLLOWING BETTER THAN EXPECTED FIGURES

loss of £15.2 million compared with a profit the previ-ous time of £40 million. Mr Sugar, the chairman, blamed a sharp drop in sales from £326 million to £196 million on the group's withdrawal from its loss-making games and entertainment computer business. Sales of satellite dishes, fax machines and word processors were described as buoyant. The group is now aiming to reduce costs. The market expressed relief that the losses were not any

larger than earlier feared by marking the price 2p better at British Acrospace fell 9p to 286p after confirming it had been forced to pay £79 million to Burwood House, its joint property venture with Asda, the supermarket chain, be-

Feb Mer Apr Mey Jun Jul Aug Sup Oot Nov Dec Jen Feb cause of falling property val-ues. BAe said the payment had aiready been allowed for

in its 1991 accounts. The insurance composites took another pounding as analysts continued to increase their forecast of losses before the reporting season, which gets under way soon. County NatWest, the broker, and rival Goldman Sachs have also begun to raise their estimates of losses for the current year. Prospects for the insurance industry remain dull.

Business generally continues to suffer and there is little prospect of losses being stemmed. Dividends, in some cases, are likely to be cut. County has reduced its estimate for all the composites in 1992 by between £30 million and £40 million and is not expecting any increase in dividends.

Earlier this week, James Capel and Carr Kitcat & Aitken, the brokers, reduced their profit estimates savagely, highlighting the problems the industry faces. Losses were recorded in Commercial Union op to 444p, General Accident Sp to 425p, Guardian Royal Exchange 7p to 121p, Royal Insurance 12p

to 220p and Sun Alliance 11p to 269p. Smith New Court, the broher, says Sun Alliance re-mains the strongest company in the composite sector de-

Hanson cased 3p to 200p ahead of first-quarter figures on Friday expected to show pre-tax profits sliding from £240 million to about £205 million However, Yamaichi, the Japanese securities house, remains optimistic about prospects. It is forecasting a 25 per cent re-rating for the shares, equivalent to a p/e of 13 and a price of 250p.

indemnity losses. Steven Bird, an analyst, says the group should be able to resume above-average dividend payments from 1993

Thorn EMI finished 15p lower at 820p as a line of 1

million shares began doing the rounds in the marketplace. Investors took this as the signal to start switching out of the shares and into rival Rank Organisation 7p

better at 684p. Thorn EMI shares have enjoyed a strong run recently but some analysts have been having second thoughts about the decision to shut its Rumbelows electrical retail chain and merge what remains with the group's television rental operations.

The textile sector comfortably outperformed the rest of the market in 1991, and, according to Carr Kitcat & Aitken, is now enjoying a period of consolidation. Christmas trading was better than expected and Khaleeq Taimuri, an analyst, expects consumer demand to begin responding favourably to lower inflation and interest rates around the third quarter of

He is urging clients to take advantage of the lull to in-crease their weightings in the sector. Top of his buy list is Courtanids Textiles, up 2p at 414p, Hartstone, 2p better at 267p, and Sherwood Group,

unchanged at 720p.
Bluebird Toys, the USMquoted toy manufacturer, jumped 10p to 60p and has risen 30p in the past couple of

found restraint is an encour-

Indeed there was much

encouragement to be gained

from the Bryant results.

which seemed to endorse the

company's policy of winning

sales through price competi-tion. Completions were up

20 per cent to 1,140, putting

the company on target for more than 2.000 this year,

while pre-tax profits rose 5 per cent to £9.8 million, enabling the dividend to be

Still buoyed by its £38

million rights issue. Bryant has added 1,400 plots to its

reserves, taking its total land

Despite this, the company says gearing is just 4 per cent, although this rises to

of off-balance-sheet debt is

But it is important not to

get too carried away, espe-

cially with a general election looming. Full-year profits of £20 million will deliver earn-

ings of about 6.6p, putting

the shares at 96p on a price-earnings multiple of over 14.

That could prove a little expensive, given the uncer-

tainty that surrounds the size

of any eventual recovery.

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MICHAEL CLARK

serve chairman, would pro-New York - American blue vide an early focus for Wall chips posted slim losses off Street. The head of the Amerthe opening, but firmed in ican central bank was speakearly trading, taking a lead ing to bankers yesterday. from the broad and secondary markets. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.50 points at 3,253.58. Ad-

Technical analysts said despite the possibilities of mod-est new highs for the Dow and an eventual correction, the index was likely to trade in a narrow range in the intermediate term.



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Lower fuel costs lift BA to unexpected height

from British Airways only accentuate the suspicion that the airline overdid warnings earlier this year of the threat to its transatlantic business from American carriers. In a repeat performance of the halfway results in November. BA's share price has shot ahead as analysts were forced sharply to increase their profits forecasts for the

At the height of the gloom, some City observers were looking for little better than break-even. BA has now come in with a pre-tax profit of £285 million for the nine months to December 31, down only £55 million.

The carrier was given a welcome lift by lower oil prices, partly offset by exchange rates, and the net in fuel costs to £136 million. Average yields, the clearest measure of performance. were up 3.9 per cent, the market calculates, despite a 3.1 per cent drop in passengers during the third

Staff numbers were down 11 per cent, and BA will have the advantage of further job cuts and a 4 per cent down workforce this year. Neither the British carrier than half net assets.

about the continuing talks. but the Dutch appear to need the British more than vice versa, given the fact that BA is much further down the

Richard Hannah, transport analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, has raised his fullyear pre-tax forecast by £55 million to £275 million. putting the shares, excluding disposal profits, on a forward multiple of 9.4, while the prospective yield is just above per cent. Investors should be in no hurry to head for the

Amstrad

ALAN Sugar has had a topsy turvy week. Two days ago, he announced the first profit at three years; yesterday, he revealed Amstrad's first loss. As expected, the results for the year to end-December showed a dramatic slump in turnover after Amstrad's decision to pull out of computer games and the continued price dumping in the British

personal computers market.
The inevitable outcome has been a sharp rise in stocks to a level where inventory now accounts for more



Mixed fortunes: Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad and Tottenham Hotsput

The problem should start to ease later in the year as no further shipments of product are due after next month and stocks will gradually be con-verted into cash balances. However, much of the inventory is at zero margin so second-half losses are likely at least to match the £15.2 million just reported. Only after that, as sales pick up and the benefits of new products begin to flow through, will Amstrad re-

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On an earnings valuation. the shares are at a cheapish multiple of about 11 times carnings of 2.5p (E15 million pre-tax profit for the year to June 1993. In assets terms, they are at a huge discount to the current value of 54p a share. Given that a maintained 1p dividend would yield shareholders 6.5 per cent and that a £40 million cash pile means the company is not about to go bust,

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the shares, at 27p, are begin-ning to look worth buying. **Bryant Group**

THE most significant thing about Bryant Group's interim results was that they contained only the most modest of provisions. For a company that has written down the value of its housebuilding and property interests by £24 million in

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KLM and BA merger stalled

British Airways has proved that it can cope with the recession better then most of its peers. Now it must consider how to capitalise on its strengths in a period of economic recovery. The proposed link with KLM, the Dutch carrier, is for the moment at the heart of its plans and they happen to be stalled. Discussions so far have foundered on the size of the equity split between the two groups. BA prefers 70/30, while KLM is sticking on 60/40. There is nothing surprising about this, for there are no hard and fast rules to be observed other than those of catch as catch can

For all sorts of reasons, the clean solution of a straighforward takeover of KLM by the much bigger BA is out of the question. The negotiators are therefore arguing about how much of their own shareholders' assets they give away in exchange for the considerable benefits that a link-up would bring.

On the basis of comparative profits, BA should have an overwhelming share of the combined equity. The same can be said for a deal based on relative market capitalisation.

KLM has yet to go through the painful cost cutting which has produced such a strong result for BA. Also, the Dutch carrier cannot bring to the party the international brand strength and network of BA. Further, KLM's 49 per cent stake in Northwest offers both great opportunities but great... costs, too, if Northwest's operations are to be upgraded while servicing some \$2 billion of debt.

In time, BA plus KLM and a heavily de-geared Northwest have the potential to become the most powerful airline grouping in the world. That alone guarantees considerable opposition from European regulators subject to the complex political pressures which operate in the EC.

Europe has yet to commit itself fully in practice to an open skies policy and seems to be comfortable with bilateral arrangements which do not work in favour of the consumer. Internally, too, BA will face opposition from those who would damage its prospects internationally in favour of some perceived pro-competition policy on domestic routes. The prize is worth straining after. BA shareholders will not, however, allow their board to give away an uneven share of the ultimate benefits.

Ofgas objects

lmost from the day it was privatised, British Gas has fought a relentless rearguard action against efforts to introduce more competition in gas supply. The company's reaction to recent proposals by the Office of Fair Trading to trim British Gas's share of the industrial gas market from 80 per cent to 40 per cent by 1995, and to force creation of an armslength transmission business, ran true to form.

British Gas rattled its sabre. It said, amid other protests, that customers living furthest from the beach-head gas receiving stations might have to: McKinnon, the director general of gas supply, yesterday gave that warning the treatment it deserves. Ofgas, the regulatory body, will continue to regulate British Gas on the premise that it is entitled to a certain level of return from its transmission business as a whole.

There is therefore no reason for British Gas to rebalance charges to reflect the distance gas is carried. To do so, as Sir James said, would merely raise administrative costs. It would also send consumer complaints into the stratosphere.

OFT calls time early on Allied's scheme to meet the beer orders

Martin Waller reports how Allied Lyons, back from the depths of last year's forex disasters, is sharpening up its ideas for the future

ichael Jackaman, the reforming new chairman of Allied-Lyons, will have to wait a couple of weeks for the second shoe to fall. Of the group's two main schemes to cope with the shake up of the beer industry prompted by the 1989 Mo-nopolies and Mergers Commission report, the first was badly mauled ist week by the regulatory authorities, it has yet to rule on the second.

Allied's share price has recovered sharply since the fall after Budget Day last year, when the group announced £147 million losses on foreign exchange dealings. Some an-alysts say this is a vote of confidence in the new management; it could equally be seen as a bid premium.

Sudden jumps in the Allied share price, prompted by rumours of an impending assault, have the stale feel of speculators talking up their book. Talk has centred on Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group; Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer, and Seagram, America's largest spirits group. More recently, speculators have toomed in on Hanson, another potential predator with sufficient firepower to afford a big premium on top of Allied's £5.5 billion market capitalisation. Speculation has been little affected by apparent denials from the putative bidders. Two strategic stakes in Allied have been on the market over the past two or three years with no apparent takers.

Alan Bond, the second Australian buccaneer to manoeuvre alongside Allied, after John Elliott, only to see the grappling hooks fall harmlessly away, gradually disposed of an II per cent holding. More recently, Olympia & York, the Canadian property group, placed in the market a 9.5 per cent_holding, converted from preference stock taken during the acquisition of Hiram Walker, the spirits group, after Hanson reportedly turned down the shares.

Altied had its roots in mergers between Ind Coope, Tetley Walker and Ansells, one of the first national brewing combines; Showerings, a cider, perry and wine group; and the J Lyons food and catering empire. How far it has departed from those roots is illustrated by the sale of the Lyons Maid ice cream business and the cider interests of Showerings in the past three months The business is built on a cocktail

of international drinks brands including Ballantynes Scotch, Canadian Club whisky, Beefeater gin, Courvoisier brandy, and Kahlua and Tia Maria liqueurs. At the same time, Allied's beer business has been tacking against the unpredictable squalls blowing through the post-MMC beer industry. Mr Jackaman



Inside story: Michael Jackaman and Tony Hales, Allied's new team at the top, are company men to the core. Both were internal appointments

says: "We probably do too many things. In future we would rather do fewer things, but do them better."

Last month, Mr Jackaman and Tony Hales, his new chief executive, . restructured the sprawling empire into four core divisions, spirits and wines, retailing, brewing and whole-saling, and food manufacturing. The message was that peripheral businesses would have to go.

At the time of the forex losses, Allied's response to the post-MMC challenges was judged in the City as. at best, beta-plus. The group was not as far down the restructuring road

'We do too many things. In future we'd rather do fewer things. but do them better

as some of the other brewers, while it lacked the overwhelming brand strength of rivals such as Guinness. The forex losses threw Allied onto the front pages and those weaknesses into sharper relief. Someone in Allied's treasury department had-been allowed to take huge dollar positions, way out of line with the normal hedging practised by a group of Allied's size, and the dollar had then veered sharply the wrong

Clifford Hatch, the Canadian finance director who had arrived with Hiram Walker, took the blame and resigned. He had introduced a more aggressive approach to currency management and also some decidedly trigger-happy traders.

The City wanted more blood. Subsequently, Sir Derrick HoldenBrown, chairman and long-time leader of Allied, and Richard Martin, the chief executive, advanced their retirement dates to the annual meeting last July. The unexpected job of rebuilding the group's credi-bility in the City fell to Mr Jacka-man, who found himself in the job a year earlier than expected and quickly promoted Mr Hales.

The drinks side and the food businesses, which include Tetley tea bags, Dunkin' Donuts and Lyons cakes, have been suffering from the recession. The priority has been sorting out brewing and public house interests to comply with the orders since the MMC report.

By the end of last year, Allied thought it had the answer: a link between its breweries and Carls-berg, of Denmark, predictably flagged as "probably the best merger in the world", would give the two 18 per cent of the British market, be-hind Courage with 20 per cent and Bass with 23 per cent. The deal also made Allied less attractive to a predator as the Danes were given an option to acquire the venture in the event of a bid. Allied-Lyons already has a small cross-shareholding with Mr.Jackaman does not see these as a precedent."We would be very ner-yous about a cross-holding that would make us completely invulnerable, because I don't think that would be in the best interests of

shareholders," he says.

To comply with the beer orders the group had to dispose of about 2,000 public houses by next November or free them from the tie to take its beer. With all the other big brewers also anxious to offload unwanted parts of their tied estates, the

public house market is at its lowest ebb for decades - a recent wellpublicised auction of 19 properties in London attracted a buyer for only one. Allied thought it had found the ideal solution in a crafty deal with Brent Walker, the cash-strapped lei-sure group. Brent Walker would lease 734 public houses at affordable rates and agree to take two thirds of its beer needs for all its enlarged 1,800-strong estate from

Allied, effectively tying it to Allied. The deal, and a subsequent and similar agreement for 142 public houses with Burtonwood Brewery,

'Allied's beer business is tacking against the squalls blowing through the industry'

in the North-West, left only 600 public houses to be disposed of before Allied was in compliance with the MMC rules. It also drove a brewer's dray around, if not straight through, the original intentions of the MMC and attracted strong criti-

But the Office of Fair Trading has

thrown the whole plan into disarray by ruling leased public houses would not count as a reduction of Allied's total estate when the final reckoning took place in November. The OFT's tough stance, perhaps predictable from a regulator that has long been suspicious of the big national brewing combines, raised questions in the market over the Carlsberg deal. Allied makes light of the OFT ruling, although it appears to have

come as a nasty surprise. Mr Jacka-

man says: "We have various fallback options in our arrangement with Brent Walker which we can bring into operation, which would mean the deal was as good for us and we would be off the OFT hook."

The OFT has made it clear that Allied can horse-trade by cutting the barrelage to be supplied to Brent Walker's estate. Allied retains the right to go for full judicial review come November, but a reduction remains the most likely outcome.

Allied insists that the tougher stance adopted by the OFT has no relevance to the Carlsberg-Tetley joint venture because it does not involve public houses. "It certainly complies with the beer orders and would, I think, lead to more and not less competition in the marketplace," Mr Jackaman says. That reply is understandable but the planned indefinite supply agreement between Carlsberg-Tetley and Allied's remaining estate is the kind of deal likely to trip wires at the OFT and possibly the European Commission, which is also examining the

The new team is anxious to resolve the regulatory beer issue as fast as possible and get on with further developments to sharpen up the group's businesses.

Allied's share price is vulnerable to short-term selling, as the market takes profits after last year's run and before the industry's bad experience over Christmas be-comes known. In May, Mr Jackaman will announce final pre-tax profits in the £635 million range. little changed from the previous year's £479 million if the forex losses are disregarded. There is still much to be done.

THE TIMES

Doctor in demand

MEGENT ISSUES

MONEY WARKETS ...

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FOLLOWERS of the glittering corporate career of David James, the company doctor, will know full well that the appointment of John Olsen, a Cathay Pacific man, as group chief executive of Davies & Newman - Dan-Air - announced last week, and due to take effect in April, signals the departure, in due course, of James. James habitually moves on to pastures new as soon as his corporate patients enter their recuperation phase. Although he insists that he will stay on board Davies & Newman as its nonexecutive chairman, he admits that he is hoping to utilise his executive capabilities elsewhere. "I'm engaged in two major rescue feasibility studies at present," he says. "They are both very large in terms of their level of bank debt and they are both still listed companies, with live quotes." He refuses to identify their sectors, however, so as not to fuel speculation, but he does say that he turned down one large property company "because that is not my area of expertise. I prefer the commercial and service end James, who charges £3.000 a day, expects it to be another two months before he decides

Going hungry

in that league," he says.

A £27-a-head buffer and press conference about mortgage arrears and home reposses sions, hosted by the Leeds Permanent Building Society. and due to be held at Le Meridien Hotel tomorrow

which, if either, of the propos-

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fifth-largest society will announce its rescue scheme by press release instead. The society, whose chief executive, Mike Blackburn, was alone in his criticism of the government for its handling of negotiations on the mortgage rescue scheme last December, says it does not want its E100 million package to be a time of self-congratulation. Meanwhile, the Council of Moneage Lenders is also expected to announce that the number of repossessions last year rose to more than 80,000, almost double the

Man in 121

CHRISTOPHER Crowcroft, just promoted from group financial controller to finance director at Blenheim Group national consequence and - after the departure of Dick Hosie, to form his own consultancy - might not be a man in a million, but he is certainly the man in 121. Crowcroft, aged 32, landed the job after competing against 120, external candidates put forward by Spencer Stuart, the head hunting agency, during a six-month search. Many of the rival candidates came from FT-SE

100 companies. "We were looking for someone not just technically competent but who understood the City, the stock market, the securities market, the banks, who would be able to motivate a team and who had an agreeable personality," Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, says. "A lot just did not have the breadth of experience necessary. We got it down to a shortlist of six and then chose - impartially - the internal candidate."

NOTICE outside a service station in Perth, Australia: 10 per cent discount given

Merrill to the fore

MERRILL Lynch is gaining the upper hand in the battle raging in the Square Mile to secure the services of the best European equity specialists. It will today announce titat it has recruited two high fee earners: Philip Donald, aged 28, from Paribas, and Joanne Gillis, also 28, from Enskilda Securities. "It means that we will now be talking to 85 institutional dients, predominamily UK ones," says Philip Farrer, aged 34, head of European equity institutional sales at Merrill Farrer, once an officer in the Coldstream Guards, joined Merrill from Swiss Bank Corporation two years ago, and says he opted for a City career after his father advised him against becoming a lawyer. His father, Bill Farrer, was well placed to give such advice. He was, until October, senior partner of Farrer & Co, the Queen's solicitor, "He was a bit surprised when I joined an American firm," Farrer ju-

CAROL LEONARD Gloucestershire.

nior admits.

Dropping the word 'British'

From Mr Roy Jenkins

Sir, The British Institute of Management is proposing to drop the word British from its name. As one who is proud to be British I am appalled. I was proud to be a soldier

in the British armed forces during the last war, when we' and our English-speaking friends saved the rest of Europe from its follies for the second time this century. I am glad to support a British prime minister who is trying to rescue the peoples of Europe from their follies for a

Forty years spent exporting

British goods to 28 countries gives me the pride of having a personal balance of trade heavily in the black. My cars have always been British and I enjoy showing my German friends how quickly a GB plate can disappear into the distance. It is a pleasure to show my French friends that many British A roads are better than their motorways. It is a pleasure to hear Italian salesmen speaking English when selling to Russians and finding themselves at a disadvantage compared with their British compeniors. I like to see the British Standard Pine threads on virtually every hotel radiator valve outside the USA.

I enjoy working with British engineers who are equally at home with the metric and imperial systems of measurement, with obvious export advantages. I am proud that we British managers are leading in the introduction of ISO9000 (BS5750) quality I am proud to be British: it

seems that the British Institute of Management is not. Which of us is right?

Yours faithfully, ROY JENKINS, 27 St George's Road, Cheltenham.

Protecting shareholders' funds

From Dr Maurice

in your columns illuminates the issue of payment to retir ing directors from shareholders' funds. Clearly the intention of Parliament in Section 312 of the Companies Act is that such payments should be subject to shareholders' approval except where, as Mr Instone (Business Letters, February 3) points out, these are for damages for breach of contract or pensions for past services. Additionally, Mr Taylor (January 30) refines this distinction in that payments for compensation for loss of office are not a legal commitment and are thereby subject to Section 312, where payments for which provision has been made in a service

Sir. Recent correspondence

contract are not Nevertheless, the correspondence does not invalidate my original contention that these payments are made only with the automatic acquiescence of shareholders (January 23). In the first place, it is they who approve contracts of appointment of directors and perhaps, in future, they may pay greater attention to the obligation to make any terminal payments.

Shoe-shop service From Mr Richard Goss

ness Letters, February 5) is right to deplore the standards of service in many shoe-shops in Oxford Street and The problem, however, lies

in the adequacy of the training, and in realising that those people - of either sex who formerly provided the assiduity which Mr Walton reasonably seeks, no longer work as shop assistants; they have been to college, taken degrees and are being far

From Mrs Diana Crawford Secondly, it follows from the contributions from your other

correspondents, that whenever such payments are made it. is necessary to identify whether they are purely contractual obligations, without any additions, or payments for loss

obligation. If the distinction is not made in the annual accounts, then questions need to be raised at the annual general

of office which are not a legal

BUSINESSETTERS

This situation is sufficient cause for attention to be given to Major Freeman's plea for a shareholders' charter (February 7), but the reasons become more compelling with the announcement by the prime minister this weekend that his intention is to involve a greater proportion of our Nevertheless, such a charter could only become effective if it was accompanied by amendments to the Companies Act to remove some of the ambiguities on the protection of shareholder's funds.

Yours faithfully, MAURICE GILLIBRAND, Tregarth, Bangor,

It is time, therefore, that the

training of those who do work

in shops was made more appropriate and far more Sir, Mr David Walton (Busi-

There is much, therefore, for managements to do, and recession provides a very good opportunity to do it.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD GOSS, 8 Dunraven House, Castle Court, Westgate Street, Cardiff.

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King Customer

Sir, With reference to Mr David Walton's letter (February 5). may I suggest he follows the example of a friend of ours. On one occasion he was in one of the branches of a large retail chain awaiting service while a group of female assistants were deep in conversation. Unable to

arract attention, he eventually walked up to the group and commenced: "Ladies, allow me to introduce myself. I am what is known as a customer and without me you would not have a job." After a reflective silence, he was served.

Yours faithfully DIANA G. CRAWFORD,

70 High Street. Albrighton, Wolverhampton.

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£25,000+	Annually	9.75%	7.31%
£10,000+	Annually	9.25%	6.94%
£5,000+	Annually	8.50%	6.38%
£2,500+	Annually	8.10%	6.08%
£500+	Annually	7.90%	5.93%
£1+	Annually	4.80%	3.60%

MORTGAGE RATES

The basic rate of interest charged on existing mortgages will be 10.99% from 11th March 1992. Notice of revised pa ments, effective from April, will be issued later in March 10 enable any changes to income tax rates (which may be announced in the forthcoming Budget) to be included.

The races on Tax Exempt Premium Access accounts are also reduced in line with these one rares for Premium Access. Amoust interest is payable on 31st December. Interest will be payable not of basic rare income tax, (currently 25%, which may be reclaimed by non-taxpayers) or, subject to the required certification, can be paid gross. Rates may vary. Member of the Building Societies Association and Investors Prosection Scheme.

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Gatt fears green policies may cloak protectionism

By Coun Narbrough Economics correspondent

AMID threats and counterthreats over the deadlocked world trade talks, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gut) has issued a warning to governments not to use environmental concerns as an excuse for protectionism.

In a study on trade and the environment, published to-day, the secretariat of the free trade organisation, says that to allow Gatt signatories to unilaterally impose special duties against whatever they object to among others domestic policies would "risk an eventual descent into chaotic trading conditions similar to those that plagued the

The study concludes that trade measures are "seldom likely to be the best way to secure environmental objectives, and, indeed, could be counter-productive".

The report comes in response to mounting fears in some countries that the extensive liberalisation of world trade sought under the Uruguay Round agreement could lead to countries with low environmental standards securing unfair trading advantage over countries with

rigorous anti-pollution rules.

A memorandum from Lawrence Summers, chief economist to the World Bank,
caused controversy last week
for suggesting that it made
economic sense to transfer
polluting industries to the less
developed countries. Arthur



Next big issue: Arthur Dunkel wants green policies

Dunkel, the Gatt director general, has made clear that he believes the links between environmental protection and trade will be the next hig issue for negotiators after what he hopes will be a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round by mid-April.

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It challenges criticism that

Gatt's free trade rules prevent

efficient policies to safeguard their domestic environments, or prevent regional or global pacts for a cleaner environment. The study says Gatt rules "place essentially no contraints on the ability of contraints to use appropriate policies to protect their environment".

While acknowledging that it will be difficult to promote co-operation, the study concludes that positive incentives, such as financial support and technology transfers, to encourage countries to join a multilateral accord would be better than the negative approach, especially where that involved discriminatory trade barriers.

The study gives warning that the use of unilateral trade restrictions to offset the competitive effects of different environmental standards and foresees a "serious risk" of environmental concerns being exploited by protectionist lobbies. It notes that Gatt rules do constrain attempts by a few countries to influence environmental policies in other countries by reducing access to their markets.

The study says: "Countries are not clones of one another and will not wish to become so—and certainly not under the threat of unilateral trade measures." The study argues that, in principle, there is no difference between the competitiveness implications or different environmental standards and other policy differences in areas such as taxation, immigration and edu-

Ericsson falls as Swedish recession bites

By Our European Business Correspondent

ERICSSON, the Swedish telecommunications group, remains gloomy about prospects for the current year, and has given warning of a loss in the first six-months of 1992.

The recession in Sweden

and the economic slowdown in the rest of Europe was blamed yesterday for a slump in 1991 pre-tax profits from Kr4.86 billion (£466 million) to Kr1.6 billion.

The company said: "The

recession is continuing in most of Ericsson's principal markets. The ongoing restructuring in the telecommunications field has caused greater sensitivity to changes in general economic conditions." It added that the first half of 1992 would be "very weak", because telecommunications operators had reduced their capital expenditure plans in the short term.

Ericsson is one of Europe's three leading telecommunication equipment makers, but appears to have been affected more by the recession than Alcatel and Siemens, which, unlike Ericsson, benefited from relatively stable domestic markets.

The fall in profits was made worse by a Kr600 million charge to cover future restructuring costs.

Ericsson has already announced 8,000 job losses — more than 10 per cent the total workforce — as part of plans to cuts costs 15 per



Ramqvist: investing

cent. Orders in 1991 declined 9 per cent to Kr49.3 billion, while sales remained broadly stable at about Kr45.8 billion. The dividend will be retained at Kr3.50 per share, despite the fall in profits.

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Lars Ramqvist, Ericsson's president, said that the fourth quarter developed in line with

He said: "We are continuing our major investments in technical development, despite the current general economic situation. We consider that this is essential for our future." He added that the company would return to previous levels of profitability, when the economy turned. In 1991, Ericsson's investment programme was Kr10

Ericsson shares were unaffected by the slump and traded at Kr118 after the announcement, unchanged from their opening level, and Kr3 up on their close on Monday.

EUROPEAN ROUNDUP

Benetton bullish on growth prospects

Postzano Veneto: Orders at Benetion, the handing spotsweak
maker, so far are up on 1991, and despite continuing doubts
over when the economies of its main markets in Europe will
rally, the group predicts profits and turnover will repeat the
last year's 12 per cent growth rates.

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Luciano Benetton, the company vice-president, said he expected a 1991 dividend of about 300 line (14p), against 1990's L250. The company has already announced turnover up at L2.300 billion (L2,060 billion), and Signor Benetton reaffirmed earlier forecasts for net profit of L155 billion (L133 billion). (Reuter)

A&L buys in France

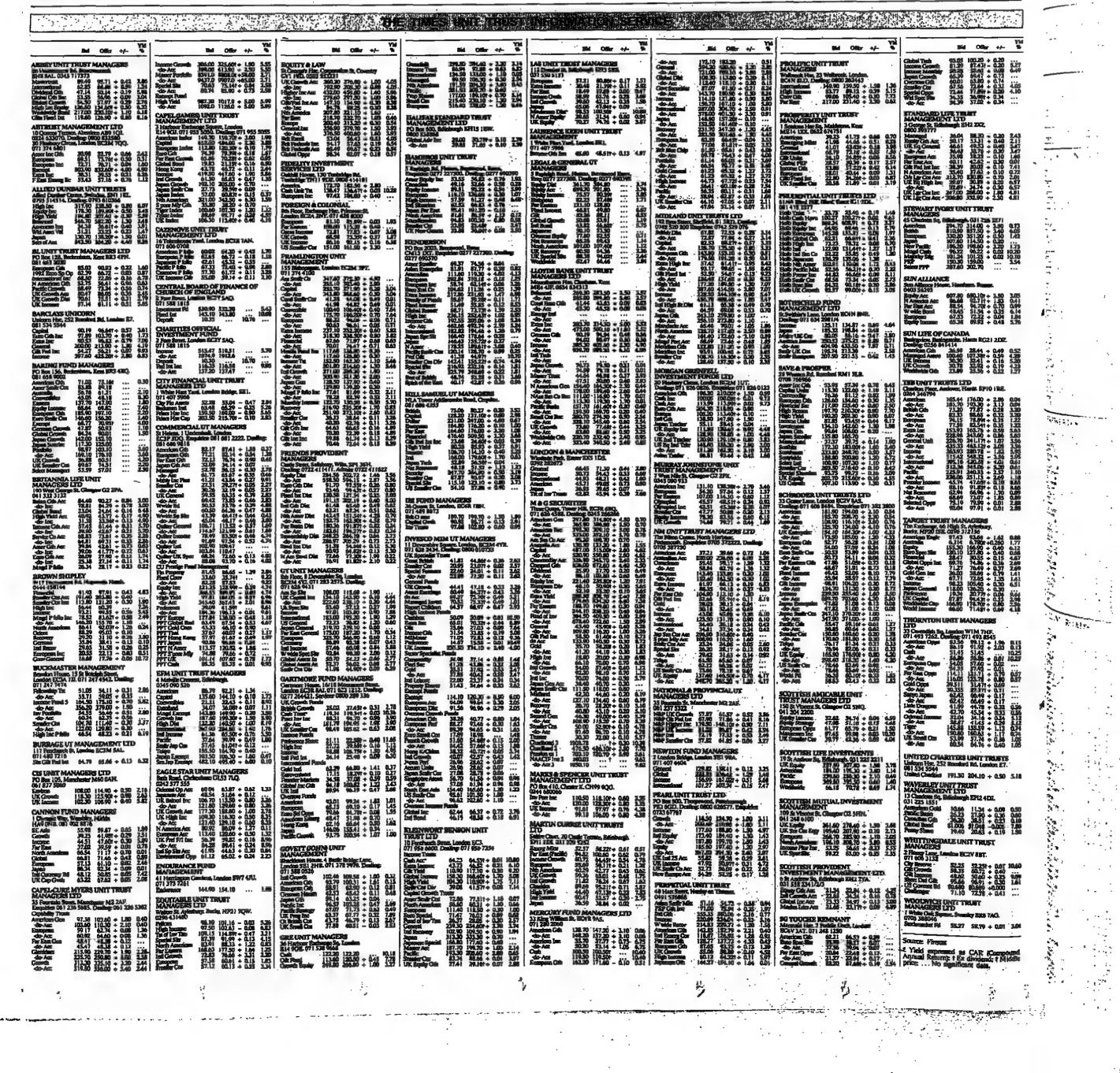
Ash & Lacy, the UK steel group, has agreed to acquire a galvanising company in France for Fr16.7 million in cash. This company has been newly formed from a division of Nordgalva, a subsidiary of the French GPRI, itself a subsidiary of Usinor Sacilor, the large French steel group. The new company will trade under the name of Galvanisation de l'Artois. The galvanising plant is based at Henin Beaumont, close to Lille in northern France, and will increase the group's share of the French market to about 12 per cent. Ash & Lacy already has two galvanising companies in France, and all three will be owned by Joseph Ash, the Ash & Lacy subsidiary.

Enso loses £121 m

Helsiaki: The Finnish forestry company Enso-Gutzeit Oy said it had lost 950 million markka (£121 million) in 1991. after being hit badly by exchange-rate fluctuations. Enso said its net exchange-rate loss on foreign currency debt was FM 790 million, compared with an FM 58 million gain in 1990. It said FM 380 million of the loss was due to November's devaluation of the markka. On the positive side. Enso said the devaluation had boosted sales but that the full benefit in growth and results would not be felt until this year. Net sales in 1991 felt 7 per cent to FM 9.23 billion. (Reuter)

Cinzano sale cleared

Brussels: The European Commission said it had approved the purchase of Cinzano, the Italian drinks company, by International Distillers and Vintners, part of Grand Metropolitan. The commission said IDV had agreed to stop distributing Martini — the vermouth market leader — in Greece from the end of the year, and that the deal would not affect market share in any other EC state. "The operation does not create or strengthen a dominant position," the commission concluded. (Reuter)



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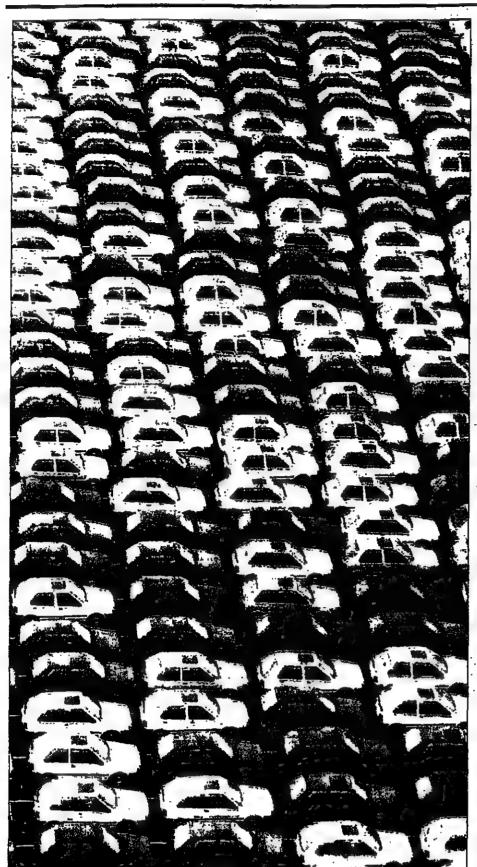
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EUROPEAN CAR INDUSTRY



Toyota and Honda plan to emulate Nissan's success in making cars (above) in Britain

Japan makes inroads

The Japanese are making life hard for Europe's

ground for world's flercest fight embattled manufacturers, Kevin Eason reports for car sales over the next ten years. Battling for dominance are Volkswagen, Fiat, General Motors and the

French Peugeot-Citroen group.

Within three years, however, the big battalions of Japan, the United States, Eastern Europe and the Far East will be snapping at their heels and capturing large sections of car buyers throughout the Continent.

European sales last year rose by 0.4 per cent to a record 13.5 million, but there was little cause for celebration in the boardrooms of Europe's big motor manufacturers. Almost all the growth came from rapid ex-pansion in Germany after reunification fuelled a 28 per cent increase in sales for the combined market.

For the other key market in Europe, the year was one of rapidly dwindling sales, and Britain was the worst affected. Take Germany out of the figures and the pattern of sales was much less optimistic as registrations fell by 8.4 per

While sales in Britain slumped by 20.7 per cent, the French market fell 12 per cent, in Spain registrations were down 9.8 per cent and in Italy by 0.3 per cent.

Britain is still struggling with recession, and as reunification euphoria fades in Ger-many and leads to a levelling of sales there, other European Community countries predict year of consolidation at

Yer the production capacity available to the top dozen or so car makers far exceeds the expectations of the market. In Britain, that has meant thousands of redundancies, such as the 2,100 announced by Ford last week.

In Europe. Ford had a record year, with sales in-creasing by 3.6 per cent to 1.65 million. In Britain, how-ever, the picture was bleak as sales fell by a fifth and the main Halewood plant on Merseyside, which makes the Escort and Orion models, put

Japanese based in Britain.

is unlikely this year to revive by the Japanese. much above last year's 1.6 million sales. Ford's answer has been to export half of all output from its Fiesta-making plant at Dagenham, Essex, to the Continent and to prepare Halewood, too, for ales abroad. Those exports, however, will be battling for sales with models from other manufacturers equally keen to maintain their share of the

Ford and the other European manufacturers could survive that competition except for one important factor: the competition from new suppliers, particularly the

workers on a three-day week.

The British new car market

Europe is the last great market still to be conquered

Nissan's considerable success in establishing an £850 million manufacturing plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, will be followed later this year by output from Toyota's new £750 million plant at Burnaston, near Derby, and Honda expects to be making cars at Swindon, Wiltshire, early in 1993.

Nissan turned 124,000 vehicles out of the factory gates on Wearside last year alone, and 90 per cent of those were for export. Although that reaped £680 million for Brit-ain's balance of trade, the

impact was felt throughout Europe. The Japanese share of the European market increased from 11.7 per cent to

of the Nissan export drive. In Britain, sales are held to about 11 per cent of the market because of a voluntary quota agreed annually. In France, sales have in the past been limited to 5 per cent or less and in Italy, 3 per cent.

12.3 per cent, mainly because

Under a deal struck last year, imports from Japan are effectively frozen by the EC until the end of the decade. But Europe will still have to cope with the introduction of the new British plants, described by Jacques Calvet, chairman of PSA (Peugeotopponent of the Japanese, as Europe's offshore aircraft

Production from these British-based factories, known as transplants, could reach 800,000 annually by the year 2000 and 1.2 million throughout the EC. Nissan will be Britain's third biggest manufacturer within two

years at present growth rates. Unless the market grows significantly, there will be more car companies outbidding each other for the same

The Japanese have proved that with their factories on greenfield sites employing young and enthusiastic workers they can set productivity targets, and therefore profitability levels, well out of reach of established European car

manufacturers. If workers in established European factories hoped that the vast new market of Eastern Europe could provide demand to keep cars rolling out of plants in Birmingham. Stuttgart and Turin, there could be disappointment

cars from the United States, mainly from Japanese manufacturers but also models from Chrysler and others, marques from Korea and Malaysia not controlled by quotas and new factories tooling up in Eastern Europe.

investment in Eastern Europe is high enough to Increase present vehicle manulacturing from about 2.5 million cars a year to nearer 4.75 million, effectively supplying the enormous pent-up demand in nations such as Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The result will be that the established plants, used to dominating the home European market, will be forced. like Ford in Britain, to slim even further. Thousands more workers are likely to leave the factories as companies search for higher efficiency to compete against the

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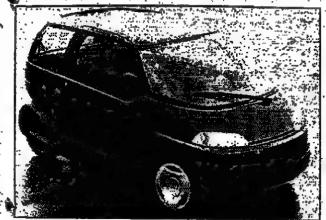
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Spark to attract the customers

Manufacturers want government incentives to boost electric car sales

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The determination to produce widely appealing battery cars is there. General Motors plans to have its first electric wehicles in mass production by the late 1990s. GM's Impact is a bullet-shaped missile of a vehicle able to outpace most sports cars. The car, however, relies on expensive battery technology and considerable advances have to be made before either the price or the present 120-mile range of battery cars is im-

proved. Even the sodium sulphate baneries used in BMW's slower E1 electric car cost about £30,000 for a working

life of 13,000 miles. The two batteries used in the experimental Mercedes-Benz electric car cost about £21,000 and in

tests the vehicle's first set lasted only 12,600 miles. range Within five years, Mercedes hopes to batteries have developed batteries that will last 80,000 miles. can be The reality is made, the that battery cars will be dearer, answer slower and heavier. Ford's president, could be Allan Gilmour, has aiready said: hybrid There has been no

breakthrough in vehicles battery technology. But we need to develop an emis going to do that."

There is no infrastructure enabling battery cars to be quickly recharged on a journey and no answer yet to how best to recharge them over-

night at home.
France's PSA Peugeot Citroën will study the probem next year when up to 300 motorists in La Rochelle will get the keys to electric cars and a map of the city showing them where to find experimental roadside-recharging

However, when even Mercedes-Benz admits that electric cars with today's technology are barely worth buying. the problem seems intractable. But that has not stopped environmental pressure groups from moving manu-facturers along. California is setting the pace and has told car makers that by the year 2003, 2 per cent of the cars sold in the state must be

emission-free. Nine Ameri-

can states plan to follow.

By 1995, Europe and Britain will have on sale the and the electric Citroen AX. which are indistinguishable in looks from conventional

More radical styling comes with Citroën's Citela (City Electric Automobile), typical of the new European breed of

battery cars.

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nanages power distribution and another impovation uses energy from the brakes to help recharge the nickel-cadm batteries.

Other cars being developed include BMW's E1, a threedoor hatchback using a plas-tic body. The E1 has a 150-

mile range, be-tween seven-hour Until long charges, and cruises at 40mph. VW has its Chico with Swatch, the watchmaker, once again with three doors, and only 10ft 4in long. Both cars have limited ranges and the longer-range batteries are devel-oped could be hy-brid vehicles. With

> motors, the Peuange up to 400 miles. Audi's hybrid 100 estate also has an electric motor plus small combustion engine. Ford, which starts trials

a diesel engine as well as two electric

worldwide this year of its allelectric Ecostar van, says the key to development is government aid to support manufacturers' innovations.

Ford wants governments to encourage customers, either with grants to subsidise those who buy electric or a pollution tax on those who buy petrol. Such demands are indicative of the need to turn the environmental issue into a political and economical one. Battery cars are coming. The only question is when. Manufacturers believe their arrival can be hastened, if legislators help to create a market that gives car users practical and environmental reasons to

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

Revving up after a slow start

Who will lead the market in 1992? Eric Dymock looks

at the new models he cars that will appeal to

European customers in 1992 are likely to come from Volkswagen, General Motors, Nissan and Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Ford and probably Rover, will do well. Losers will include Fiat, Jaguar, Renault, Volvo

and perhaps Peugeot-Citroën.

Japanese makes without European factories, such as Manda and Mitsubishi, remain dependent on quotas. Toyota looks likely to stay where it is until its British plant comes into production, and Honda will improve without quite being able to repeat its success in the

Predicting performance from new model programmes is a better guide to trends than analysis of market shares, but however the runes are read, Volkswagen will remain European leader.

In 1992, however, VW will have to rely on the new Golf to carry on the good work. The car is larger and heavier than its predecessor, de-signed in the 1980s for what seemed likely to be the prosperous 1990s. Even if VW's steady move upmarket now appears optimistic, the com-



pany says the car's extra weight and size are in the good causes of safety

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and the environment. The Passat, a worthy car, will soon have more speed and power, but a replacement for the Polo is too far away. Seat is making a good name and the new Audi 80 is a praisewor-thy rival to BMW's 3-series. Fiat seems less confident. A re-

placement for the Uno is overdue, and the new engine programme for tives has not caught buyers' imagination. Second place in the market

but nor is it complete success.

Britain is a microcosm of Flat's European performance. The cars are competitive, quality control seems good, styling, servicing, economy and a good dealer network are all in place, yet the customers have not taken the cars to their hearts. Rover's revival shows that it is

possible to pull back from the

threshold of disaster and regain customers' confidence. Alfa Romeo and Lancia both show encouraging with 1.8 million sales is not fallure,

is well established, and success

seems assured for the new Astra.

signs, but the sales of neither have reflected cheering press comment. General Motors is third in the European sales league by a slim margin. The company has two highly competitive models in the top-selling 1.4-litre to 2.0-litre class. The Vauxhall Cavalier (Opel Vectra)

influence the 1992 sales figures, but it indicates the continued vitality of -the world's oldest manufacturer. issan had a bad year in

Britain during the dispute between the distributing organisation and Nissan UK. Sales fell from 110,000 cars, almost 6 per cent of the market. in 1990 to only 70,000 in 1991, yet exports increased. By summer, when the new Micra is in full production, Nissan will take a signif-

The Astra and the Cavalier will make up most of GM's total in

1992. During the year. GM could pull further ahead of Ford.

GM was not helped much by its

acquisition of Saab, which is working hard to stem declining fortunes.

In the long term, Saab will represent GM's upmarket range.

Jaguar, Ford's equivalent prestige

make, shows little sign of recovery.

although Ford itself is responding

vigorously to GM's challenge. The Sierra replacement is still a year or

more off, but the new engines in the Escort will go a long way to make up

for its comparatively slow start.
The new Mercedes-Benz 190 in

the autumn will be too late to

icam part of the European market. Peugeot and Citroën need luck to make progress. Diesel incentives may bring some in Britain, as Peugeot makes some of the best diesels, but in 1992 the most it can hope for in the European market is to stay where it is.

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Where will all the cars go?

A METEOR tail of zeros trails off the latest figures forecasting traffic growth across Europe. For instance, in Britain in 1960 there were 5.7 million cars on our roads. In 1990, there were almost 22 million and by 2010 there could be as many as 30 million as well as four or five million vans and trucks,

Vaughan Freeman writes. According to the Euro-motor Reports data book, an analysis of future traffic volumes. Western Europe's car park of 126 million will rise to 173 million in 20 years. In Eastern Europe the rate of increase from a smaller base will be much greater — from today's 47 million to 112 million by 2010.

Where will they all go? The report warns: "This density is very high for such a constricted land mass, especially as some of the higher densities are in some of the smaller countries.

As for Britain, the report adds: "These car-ownership levels must be approaching saturation point. This applies particularly to England which contains the vast majority of the automobiles within the UK."

This view is echoed by Fiona Weir at Friends of the Earth. "The only way to turn things round is through a very, very complex set of measures, not one or two miracle cures."

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different approach to land use. "We have to start building workplaces and leisure facilities where people are, not building them first and then working out how to get people to them," Ms Weir

Bert Morris, the Automobile Association's highways and traffic manager. also calls for improved public transport, but does not see Europe becoming choked with traffic. He points out that many parts of Europe, including south-east England, are unlikely to see traffic increase simply because most people who are likely to want a car already

THE ANSWER, according to the AA, is for more to be spent improving trunk roads and motorways, while in urban areas, illegal parking is stamped out and public transport systems improved.

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The final factor in the problem of increasing car volumes is "scrappage". Future cars will be tested more frequently, and have shorter lives, as vehicles that fail the stringent exhaust tests are weeded out.

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The costs of starting-up

David Young looks at the variety of deals on offer for rescue services

rospective car buyers often wonder why, if a manufacturer's cars are so reliable, it offers a breakdown service as an incentive to buy.

Properly explained, the breakdown package will be seen as a real incentive. especially as today's packages are individually tailored and most cover driving on continental Europe as well as

An example of the tailormade packages that rescue services are offering is the On Call recovery system. This is offered on all new cars from the Volkswagen Audi group. A wider scheme covering rescue within Europe will be announced soon by National Breakdown

The On Call service lasts for six years and is transferable to future owners, a factor that helps to keep second-

hand prices up.

There are no annual charges for the cover, which remains in force for as long as the Volkswagens or Audis are serviced according to the manufacturers' schedule.

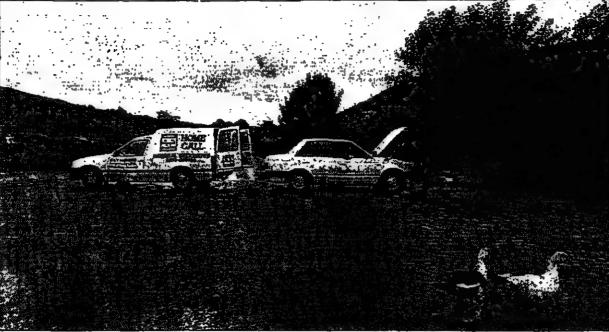
The scheme is not a Volkswagen Audi invention but a product of Mondial Assisthat is making inroads into the British market.

The four main British recovery groups, the Automobile Association, the Royal Automobile Club, National Breakdown and Britannia have all responded by offer-ing various forms of continental cover

The RAC and AA are seeking stronger links with European recovery groups. Another system of cover, which appeals to fleet users, is the pay-as-you-use arrange-ment. This is also offered by all of the big recovery organisations.

The car owners pay a small annual registration fee for the vehicles covered and pay more only if the system has to go into action.

Ian Hare, general manager of Fleet Motor Management, which runs 45,000 cars, says: I believe that the cost of these systems is satisfactory. By and large the service given by most of the recovery groups is reasonable. Obviously there will be times in the year when demand for their services is higher and then there is sometimes a longer wait for recovery, but I would



Ford escort: breaking down can be very hard to do, but drivers are deluged with options by rescue companies

say that they are all trying

very hard." Membership of a recovery organisation is becoming more important. Although cars are more reliable than ever, many have electronic components, which means that roadside repairs are often impossible. The recovery organisations are also aware of how fragile the link between the user and the service

is. The safest way of seeking help in a breakdown is to stay in the car with the doors locked and to summon assistance using a mobile tele-phone, but mobile telephones are too costly for many drivers. However, within a year or so there could be a cheaper alternative. The RAC has been researching the viability of equipping motor-ists prepared to pay for it with

an emergency transmitter. inevitably named ET, with which they could summon help in a breakdown or

According to Judith Mallet, the RAC's project co-ordinator, the device is the size of a portable telephone, and would cost £50 to £150. She says: "Fitted Inside any vehicle. RAC ET allows stranded

the security of their own cars. A built-in vehicle location device means we can trace the

driver within seconds." The transmitter works work operated by Datatrak of Swindon, the RAC's partner in the two-year research

The RAC hopes to put the service into operation next

☐ Royal Astomobile Club

Call-outs by RAC officers or by approved independent agent. Four-level service costs £60 to £132 a year, £18 discount for direct debit. New Rescue includes roadside and home assistance. New Recovery adds transport of broken-down vehicle to owner's chosen destination. Reflex adds overnight accommodation and a hire car or rail fares to continue the journey and Reflex Europe extends the scheme to the Continent (081-452 8000).

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The AA (0800 919595) has more than 7.6 million members and 3,500 patrol vehicles but also uses independent garages. It has five levels of service. Membership provides roadside assistance. Homestart provides assistance at home if the car will not start. Relay is the AA's full recovery service. and Relay Plus adds a hire car. Frequent Traveller adds year-round cover throughout Europe. Discount for paying by direct debit.

The third biggest organisation uses approved agents (0532

Britannia (0484 514848) has a reputation for fast call-outs, and offers free legal advice, discount for direct debit and a £25 Superstart service within ten miles of the member's home.

Europe's biggest motoring organisation uses independent garages rather than its own vehicles (081-680 1234).

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Established in France in 1974, it works with blg car manufacturers (081-681 2525).

Full British and European recovery service through garage agents. A no-claims discount is offered (0604 232334).

From a central telephone number, it will organise rescue. Roadside assistance and recovery service costs £33.50, and 645.25 includes home assistance. Cars more than 20 years old not covered (0206 870570/863123).

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An insured scheme: members organise their own help and claim a refund. GEM Recovery (0342 825676) costs £29.95 a year by direct debit, including £12 membership. An offshoot of the Country Gentleman's Association.

Arizinal fee £16 by direct debit (0800 525200).

European route to madness

Brussels bureaucrats care more

for car makers than motorists

The dream of a happy and united Europe, a piace of peace and progress, is at odds with the seality - at least so far as the motor car is concerned. The many areas where standardisation could occur, making motoring for the European are the cause instead of conflict and confusion.

There are, for example, no European safety require-ments. Instead there are national minimum standards on all manner of subjects from seat belt strength to crash testing, which, when ratified by the Eurocrats, become European Community standards for all manufacturers wanting to build or sell cars in

However, certain coun-tries, particularly Germany, spend more on research and developement into safety than

The German standards are higher than those of some countries, and are therefore not suitable for adoption throughout the community because they cost too much for the industries in those countries that lag behind.

Britain has the best road safety record in Europe, Road death statisties show Britain with the lowest figure, 94 per million of the population, and Portugal the highest with 315. Spain has the secand worst record with 196, followed by Belgium with 195 and France with 194. There is much

a European-wide move towards safer vehicles but it was spawned, and is supported, by lobbying outside the Euronean Commission, not by officials within. The commission's method is directed towards making sure that national sensibilities are not offended and that national interests are not damaged by regulations that may save the lives of a few Europeans.

National type approvals, standards set by a govern-ment for specific national requirements and which have to be met by all cars sold in that country, have become community type approvals, carefully geared to ease vehicle manufacturing. Items that have yet to become subject to European standards are glass and tyres. Both the French and Italian governments are resisting agreement, so there are still different standards in Europe on these vital items. The French and Halians

are resisting because the delay gives them a weapon in the conflict over Japanese The Japanese threat to

companies such as Fiat, Re-

already building cars in Europe and Toyota will be in production by the end of the

There is already an agreed world standard for most automotive components. The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) has defined minimum levels of manufacturing quality to allow cheaper production standards are not considered suitable for the European

Community. European lobbyists will tell you of the increasing number of absurdities in the dealings of the commission.

For example, since January the European minimum depth of tyre tread has been 1.6mm. According to experts in the industry, there is no safety advantage over the previous British minimum. but it has cost motorists who have had to replace their tyres a great deal of money. In Britain crash helmets

have to pass stringent safety tests before being allowed on sale. This makes our regulations the toughest in the

community. However, the com-mission wants to standards impose its own based on the lowest are not in Europe. The suitable reason for choosing the lowest as they rather than the highest standard is cost too would create unfair competition.

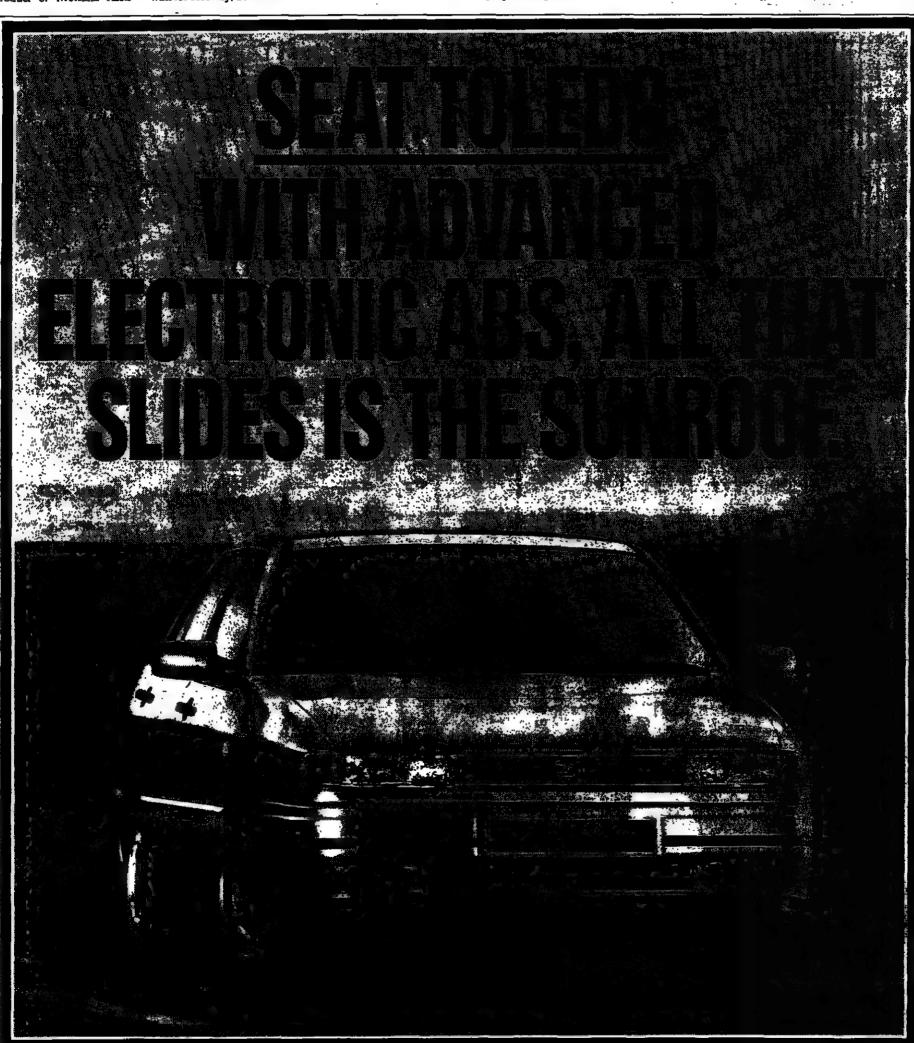
> the commission, it seems, the benefit to the user is of no consequence when compared with the demand for commercial equality. Driving licences and the

driving test are covered by a commission directive that specifies minimum standards for driver testing. The British test is much more exacting than these standards. How ever, the Driving Standards Agency, which runs driving tests, says it is unlikely that the British test will need changing. Theory testing is being reviewed by the agency and could be implemented without European approval.

The commission has not yet laid down minimum road building standards, although it: has attacked some roadbuilding plans in Britain.

There is an inexorable move towards European standards for everything. In the world of cars and motoring, there are strong doubts that these will bring benefits. Indeed, if the hapless European mosorcyclist's head is an example of harmonisation. what is being proposed is not helpful at all, and could be

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Augusta paradise beckons for Baker-Finch



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IAN Baker-Finch has a problem of which others would be envious. "I set myself the goal of winning the Open Championship by the time I was 30," he said. "I did that at Royal Birkdale last summer, even if it was with only a few months to spare. But I'm a goal-orientated person so I must find

Baker-Finch nurses the conventional ambition of wanting to win all four major championships. It is why Georgia, or more specifically

in April. is already on his mind, even if he must first address the Australian version, which starts here tomorrow at the Huntingdale Golf Club.

"I won the Australian Masters in 1988 and I' would obviously like to win it again this week." he said. But at the moment I can't think of anything I would rather do in my career than win the US Masters. So my immediate goal is to get my-self into the best form I can for the US Masters in April. "I've fulfilled one dream by winning the Open, because it

means I can go back and play in the Championship for the next ten, 15, 20 years or whatever. If I won the US Masters. I'd be similarly placed for Augusta. "What more could you ask

for than to be able to play in the Open Championship and the US Masters every year of your life until you die? I played well at Augusta last year and I love the course. If there is a golf course in heaven then I'm sure it would be a replica of Augusta," he

Baker-Finch has planned his schedule to ensure he is ready for Augusta: He will

return from the Australian kind of shots — the chip-and-Masters, sponsored by Pyramid, to play four tournaments in succession on the US Tour, but he will not compete the week before Augusta. Instead, he will escape to a little piece of land where he can prepare for the US Masters.

The hardest thing at Augusta is the chipping and putting." he said. The grass so short and so wellgroomed that to open the club face a little and hit those delicate shots is extremely difficult.

"So the week before I want to devote to practising those

runs which can make life easier at Augusta. I've found a place where I can do that and where I can also practise downhill and sidehill putts. In fact the only negative thought I have about Augusta is the pace of the greens. I think for the last five or six years they have been extra

Baker-Finch admits that winning the Open last summer transformed his life. He wasted little time in celebrating the success. He and his

quick and the tournament

can be won on chipping and

Royal Birkdaie course only hours after his victory.

"It was just after midnight and we sat in the grandstand overlooking the 18th green with a bottle of champagne, which we drank out of the old claret jug." Baker-Finch

"There were the spotlights from the clubhouse so it was all very well lit-up. Then Jennie and I walked down the 18th hole so we could look back at the green and the clubhouse. I will never forget that moment."

Baker-Finch woke up the following morning to find that everyone wanted a piece

every request to attend charity functions or to talk at dinners.

"I am taking so much from this game that I have got to try to give back as much as I can," he said. "It might be a bit of a hassle to me at times, but it means so much to a lot of people who have put in a lot of hard work to help the game prosper."

It is an outlook rare in today's high-octane sports Jones, the creator of Augusta, would be proud if in April Ian Baker-Finch became the

RUGBY UNION

Villepreux calls on England to run with ball in Paris

BY PETER BILLS

THE challenge facing England in Paris this weekend will be to develop the total rugby they showed against Ireland, rather than close their eyes to all but a second

consecutive grand slam.

Pierre Villepreux, the former Toulouse club coach. says a repeat of the bold attacking plan which put Ireland to the sword would de-stroy France. Bur Villepreux, who was once called in as adviser to the England squad, said: "If England play a more restricted game in Paris, then they will offer France their

only opportunity to succeed."

Villepreux is a passionate supporter of the fast-flowing game England employed at Twickenham 11 days ago. "England would win in Paris

madness

playing such a style," he said.
"France will be very well organised to handle the tight, kicking game which England have played in the past. But they could not cope with the sort of attacking play Eng- club, Villepreux is a

land showed against Ireland."

Villepreux said the barrier to England adopting a simi-larly expansive approach was twofold: their mentality, and Will Carling, the captain.

"For me, the real problem is Carling because I think it is him who stops England playing this wide game," Villepreux said.

"He is the captain and in

his position he can tell Rob Andrew to kick or be can run the ball himself back to his forwards.

"England's weakness is that their game has been too organised. Their philosophy is that in certain positions they cannot play, they must kick. But that is wrong because this England team has the ability to play in every

position on the field." Villepreux's analysis should cause sober reflection within the England camp. Now coaching Treviso, the Italian club, Villepreux is a genuine

Specialist enhances Halliday's chances

THE prospects of Simon Halliday, the injured England wing, proving his fitness by tonight for Saturday's international against France have been enhanced by a medical expert who has assisted several rugby league

players (Peter Bills writes). Halliday has been having daily treatment from Alan Watson, a London sports injuries specialist who has treated league players like Ellery Hanley, Martyn Offiah and Andy Gregory. Will Carling. the England captain, has also

England Colts squad has had

to give up his job as a barman

with Reading to be able to

represent the club in com-

Greg Way, aged 25, a stand-off half who has been a

member of the club for sever-

al years, applied for the job at

Lorcan Mullally, a spokes-

man for the club, which plays

the start of last season.

Halliday reported his strained hamstring slightly easier yesterday after physiotherapy and swimming

He said: "The injury has eased but I do not know how it will be when I meet up with the England squad on Wednesday evening. I imagine England would have to be pretty certain of my fitness to allow me not to take part in a full practise session tomorrow

night."
If Halliday is ruled out Nigel Heslop, the Orrell wing, will reclaim his place.

Club barman is banned by RFU

BY JOHN GOODBODY

we did check the rules at the

time, and as far as we were

However, after a qualifica-

tion dispute for the Berkshire

head, Reading decided to be

absolutely certain of Way's

status and wrote to the Rugby

Football Union (RFU).

Cup involving the player-coach at nearby Maiden-

concerned he was not infring-

ing his amateur status."

supporter of the England players.
They have so much ability; it is perfectly possible for them to play total rugby, with

backs and forwards involved in dynamic movement. But their mentality holds them back, for if they have a very important game they don't try to play that way. For me, that is a mistake.

"They must be brave, because they would certainly win more easily against France on Saturday playing that way. And to win such a match in style is the only way to alter your mentality.

"Of course it is necessary to win and do the grand slam if it is possible. But by playing good rugby and becoming used to that adventurous style, England can win in the long term. A side as good as England should be playing this total rugby all the time. They can use the five nations' championship to develop this style for the next World Cup."

Villepreux's beliefs con-erning England are close to those of Pierre Berbizier, the French national coach, who insists England were potentially the best team in the World Cup and should have won the tournament.

France, as a side, had a long way to go to find success, Villepreux said. They required a definite new playing pattern, not an amalgam of the styles of Fouroux, Trillo and Berbizier.

Philippe Saint-André, the French right wing, faces a fitness test before Saturday, after having a muscle contraction in the thigh when playing last Sunday. Standing by are Eric Bonneval and David Berty, both of Toulouse, and Patrice Lagisquet,

the union "will not approve

the appointment of paid

coaches for club teams nor

may paid administrators of a

club represent that club as a

player in any RFU

Mullally said: "We fully ac-

cept what the RFU said."

Way has now given up his paid job and last Saturday

played in the club's Courage

league game at home to



Under fire: Carling, the England captain, is the real problem. Villepreux says

Fitzgibbon clear on his task

BY PETER BILLS

MICHAEL Fitzgibbon spends his working week surrounded by beauty. But there can be no greater contrast between the delicate pieces crafted by the glass company for which he works in Ireland as a mechanical engineer and the image of the hard, cauliflower-eared rugby player.

That is one quirk about Ireland's open-side flank forward who made his debut against Wales this season. Another is the philosophy of the breakaway, who faces Scotland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. The Shannon player, aged 26, says: "Rugby comes second in my life. First and most important is my girlfriend. Rugby has to finish one day but if you work hard enough a relationship

can continue forever. Nobody should misunderstand such words. The tough side of those who play Munster rugby is axiomatic; there is an unspoken commitment to the physical side of the game. "We feel you have to do the physical things," he said. "Confrontation is all. We play our rugby hard and like to put pressure on teams." Fitzgibbon, born in Limer-

ick and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, has repre-sented Ireland at diverse leveis: school, university, under-25 and then, last season, the side. But only Gordon Hamilton's injury this year opened the way to the senior

"Circumstances changed for me after I'd been there a few years and never made the breakthrough. But when Gordon got injured the chance came and now I have to try and grab it," he said. In the losses to Wales and

England, Fitzgibbon was probably one of the least culpable, but he regarded the performances with distaste. No one did themselves justice and I have certainly played better in the past. The commitment was not there from all 15 players, maybe because we were too hyped-up beforehand in the light of the World Cup."

An enhanced level of per-

formance will be the first requirement in Dublin this weekend and Fitzgibbon, much in the manner of Fergus Slattery, whom he admired so much in his younger days, seeks to target the stand-off half, "That is one part of my job. But it is about a lot more. Scotland are a good side but we have to try and upset them by taking the game to them." Once a Munster man, always so.

Oxford complete clean sweep of Services teams

HOCKEY

Oxford University......6 The Army.....

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OXFORD University outmanoeuvred the Army with some powerful attacking play in their annual match at North Oxford sports ground yesterday, victory giving them a grand slam over the Services teams in the space of six days. They beat the RAF 2-1 at Reading last Friday, the day after trouncing the Royal Navy 5-0.

Last year, the Army won this fixture 4-3, and they raised hopes of another rousing finish yesterday when they wiped out Oxford's twogoal lead. In the second half, however. Oxford took firm control. In the absence of Jennings, Jolly, Hazlitt and Boxell, the Army were short of skill and relied mainly on speed and thrust.

Within six minutes of the start. Oxford scored through Hoskin and Mackay, from a short corner. The Army quickly retaliated with a goal by Bartley from Hanson's centre and another by Jordan from a short corner.

half Hoskin was penalised for a reckless tackle which rather harshly earned him a suspension for 11 minutes. In that

time Oxford went 4-2 ahead. Markham conventing a pen-alty stroke while Morley scored by following up from a

Exchanges were even in the first ten minutes of the second half with each side forcing two short corners. But Oxford soon began to find the gaps and Bambury scored cleverly from a short corner. While Ralph, a substitute for Markham, was under suspension, having spent only 37 seconds on the field. Edwards scored Oxford's sixth goal on the follow-up from a short corner. For a relatively minor offence, Raiph was suspended for ten minutes, and to add to Oxford's dismay two goals were disallowed for offside in the

ROWING

Oxford crew gives an impressive display

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

WITH two weeks to go before the official announcement of this year's Boat Race crews, Oxford revealed their present line-up in two 3,000-metre contests against a Leander crew at Henley last Sunday. Although many of Leander's top oarsmen are at altitude training in South Africa, Oxford's opponents on Sunday

were a strong combination. Oxford won both races over a downstream course from the Royal Regatta finish. In the first, Leander, on the Bucks station, led by a length after one minute, but Oxford. although at a lower rating. drew level by halfway and went on to win by nine

seconds. After switching stations for the second contest, the pattern was reversed. Oxford led over the first half and it was the turn of Leander to draw level at Temple Island with their favourable bend still to come. Oxford, however, still at a lower rate, increased the pressure and went ahead around the outside of the

bend to win by four seconds. This was an impressive performance from a well-drilled Oxford boat with old Blues Joe Michels, Peter Bridge, and Cal MacLennan in the stern and Hamish Hume bringing experience to the No. 2 seat. Michels, the presi-dent, showed real racing pedigree at stroke and the coxswain, Elizabeth Chick, did well to cope with Leander's British international

steersman, Garry Herbert. Steve Royle, Oxford's row ing director, was pleased with the performance and considers that he still has ten realistic candidates to sort out, two of whom were in the Isis boat which had a comfortable win

RFU regulations say that in South West Division One, BRIDGE

A FORMER member of the said: "Before appointing him

Cooke held in reserve

JONATHAN Cooke and David Bakhshi, both teenagers, have been selected at reserve for the British team for the European junior championships this summer (Albert Dormer writes). Cooke is 19. Bakhshi 17, and it is hard to recall British players of that age being potentially exposed in such an

event before. There are no real surprises in the rest of the team -Danny Davies and Phil Sou-ter, Jason and Justin Hackett, Peter Dunsby and Harry Anoyrkatis. All three pairs have considerable junior

RESULTS: Worcoster; Smine tearns: 1, R Edwards, T Matthews, Y Gey, D Device; 2, Mr and Mrs S Kennewell, Mr and Mrs J Halman, Swiss pales; 1, R Edwards, T Matthews; 2, K Stanley, R Dempster, Essex polmos-board tearn: 1, Mr and Mrs T Green, Dr R Allen, T Roes: 2, G Russell, Mrs G Arante, A Powye, C King.

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Taking liberties with the Queen's English

BY HENRY KELLY IT WOULD be curmudgeou-

ly to moan about the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympic Games into which so much obvious effort had gone. In all fairness, though, you had to laugh. True, the athletes paraded with great order and charm. True, the girls and boys of the supporting drama gave it their best shot. True, the little singer who sang her national anthem unaccompanied while being pushed sky-wards on a table attached to a pole had a truly beautiful voice and took part in a ceremony she - and we - will

But not since Cole Porter had the nerve to rhyme "spoil" with "girl" (with the instruction to pronounce the latter as "goil") has anyone in the world taken such liberties with the Queen's English as did the writers of the introductions to each com-

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK

IN REVIEW

peting team as it entered the arena. One example will do: have you ever thought of rhyming "here" with

Korea"? It fair took the breath away, but then the whole Winter Olympics effort is breathtaking if, like me, you are a sporting winp who wouldn't dare even contemplate doing the things these boys, girls, men and women

do so beautifully.

I think I've cracked what makes the Winter Olympics so fascinating it is all down to human skill, not just brute force (except perhaps in the ice hockey, of which a word in a minute). Timing skill, nerve, balance, fitness,

all the things that cannot be improved by machines but only by a combination of talent and work - that's what the Games in Albertville are all about. There will surely be great

moments between now and the end of the Games, but we won't see better skills. I think, just more of them. I channel-hopped to Sky Sport on Sunday evening and spotted an interview with a young lady called Bonnie Warren, an airline pilot by profession, a parttime television sportscaster and an expert at the most hair-raising event of the lot
— luge, where you sit on
what looks like a tin tray,
lean backwards, give yourself a push, and go down a Cresta Run-style course at speeds that would have Nelson Plauet reaching for

tranquillisers. Her final comment: "I know I can't win this, but I'm an Olympic junkie, so I'll be out there trying. The root going to break are bones! Everything about the Win-

ter Olympics is beautiful, from the sheer cleansing sparkle of the snow to the fresh-faced looks you get -from almost every competitor. Then, of course, there is the ice hockey, where the



Hendry: likes trophy

players, if you ever got to see their faces clearly, would surely look like men you would prefer not to meet in an alley on a dark night.

To be sure, it's skilful, but does it have to be so dirty and downright silly? It all reminds me of a line a Canadian pal of mine threw out once when he said: "I went to see the big fight on Satur-day and an ice hockey game broke out." Watching the opening games. I know what

> Of course, it wasn't all Olympics over the weekend. Another snooker final came and went and young Ste-phen Hendry fairly demol-ished John Parrott in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters. That makes it four times for Hendry and it really is about time they gave him the pot to keep. He says he'd like it! Parrott, on the other hand, was making the point

> that there is now so much

snooker being played by the top men, he hasn't time to go home and feed the cat before he's off to another

A fair point. Maybe there's too much of all sports: cricket never stops: rugby is dominating its par-ticipants' lives to a point where they are taking themselves too seriously; racing is now on all-weather tracks. and it's only a matter of time before we have it on Sundays (a good idea) and under lights (a very bad idea); and there are more cups and competitions in football than most people actually

Just a thought, but didn't we appreciate our sport bit less of it and it was more skilful? Maybe that's another reason why the Winter Olympics are so much fun to watch: they happen only every four England erase sour memories of past tours

Gooch can claim the credit for a bright new image

factors between England's 2-0 victory in the Test match series that ended in Wellington on Monday and the stultifying, scoreless draw of four years ago. The personnel was greatly changed on this tour, the cricket was altogether more watchable and the on-thefield conduct was above

All three alterations reflect credit on Graham Gooch. No England captain since Mike Brearley has presided over such a successful run in Test cricket, nor enjoyed the autonomy consequent to that success. This is very much Gooch's team and, by stand-ing up for the characters he required for the job, he as-sumed responsibility, if not for how they performed, then at least for how they behaved.

in performance, they have left behind the wretched memories of last winter in Australia. Allan Lamb and Phil Tufnell, who came home from that tour with their futures clouded, were, respectively, the leading Test batsman and bowler this time.

The fielding, a sick joke 12 months ago, was unrecognisable. But in image, too, England have retrieved lost ground in this country.

Whereas, in 1988, there were players who missed no opportunity to behave with the pouting churlishness of a child who has had his treat cancelled, the present party has accepted good and bad decisions with something

close to equanimity. Stoicism, of course, comes easier when you are winning. The last England side here ame fresh from dust-ups in Pakistan and Sydney and had adopted a persecution complex with the series barely under way. Mike Gatting not only saw no wrong in that, he even orchestrated much of the petulance.

Gooch has laid different ground rules and is held in sufficiently high regard for no one to have stepped out of member of the hierarchy common to both tours and that is the team manager, Micky Stewart.

It was here, in 1988, that most unflattering light because, at the very times

Test match batting and fielding

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent,

reviews the numerous highs and

occasional lows of England's Test

match series with New Zealand

when he should have been distant enough from his play-ers to condemn some of their actions, he was locked into their mentality to the extent that he condoned misconduct and could not understand it

being questioned elsewhere. On Monday, by his overzealous protection of the stretcher bearing David Lawrence from the Basin Reserve, Stewart gave a reminder of those times. Nobody should doubt that his behaviour, even in manhandling a cameraman, was driven by the best intentions for his stricken player. Much can be forgiven such circumstances. But, mists overcame Stewart, damaging his perspective.

he was struggling to compose himself, unable to comprehend why any-one should be concerned with matters other than the welfare of the player.
I sympathised with him, far

more than when his players were under fire four years ago, but there is no disputing he has helped create an overblown scandal where there should have been only sadness. Not the smallest sadness now is that Stewart's final overseas Test series as man-ager should have ended so sourly. Everything that pre-ceded it showed him in the way he would wish to be



Stewart: conscientious

BOTHAM'S CAREER BECCHIE

his team and conscientious about his duties, usually to the point of taking on too

when talking cricket and he was grateful, yesterday, to look back on the series, comparing it with 1988. "Some of that series was unspeakably bad," he agreed, "and much of the problem related to the pitches, which made it too hard to bowl anyone out.

"The surfaces prepared for all three Tests this time have provided good, interesting cricket of all different types. All credit to the New Zealanders for taking such a positive

The final Test contained 230 overs of spin bowling, bearing out Stewart's remarks. Seventy-six of them were bowled by Tufnell, who was not only the most influential bowler in the series but also a monument to the leadership of Gooch. For a confirmed maverick, his temperament has held up

admirably under stress.

Gooch himself has had two recurring themes - the fact that England were never treating it simply as a World Cup warm-up and a vindication of his theory that Alec Stewart could be made into an opening batsman. Stewart, with 330 runs in

the three Tests. was arguably the man of the series and Gooch allowed no one to forget it. "He has taken his chance, as I expected he would," he said. "He has tightened up his game, reacting to the responsibility and could now go from strength

to strength The next place he could go, in fact, is into Gooch's boots as touring captain in India next winter. That would be has advanced and how broad his horizons have become. It will also indicate whether he can achieve the one thing his father could not - maintain a balance between the passions of the team and the attentions of the outside world.

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Centre of attention: David Lawrence's career still hangs by a siender thread, but he came spiritedly through the first barrier to recovery yesterday with the successful completion of surgery to wire his broken

kneecap (Alan Lee writes). Remarkably soon after the opera-tion, at the Wellington hospital, England's heavyweight fast bowler was sitting up in a wheelchair challenging anyone to write him off. Nobody tried and, if the suspicion remains that the size of his body and the style of his bowling will conspire against him playing again, the cer-tainty is that nobody in his plight

delivery stride.

"It was like so my kneecap," he said. "It just popped. The first thing that went

"I have since spoken to people who believe I will sever play again, but I am very determined to fight back and prove them wrong. The doctors are quite confident that if I take it very easy I will be OK, and the operating surgeon even said that months was a reasonable target for starting to play again."

Laurie Brown, the England phys-

pened internally to the knee, it is just the bone that is damaged." Lawrence's first target is to put some weight on the leg, while sup-ported by crutches, before he flies ome to England, which could not be within a week. Longer term, nobody can be confident of his prospects, and Brown played devil's advocate when expressing the worst

"There can be no guarantee that it won't happen again," he said. "It may be that the strength of his leg scles has caused the problem.

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"I hope he can bowl as fast again but it will be in the back of his mind that with one ball he could feel

something horrible go again. He will have to get rid of that thought."

Meanwhile, as the England management sought to resolve the dispute with Television New Zealand. Lawrence was emphatic in his defence of colleagues who reacted aggressively to the presence of cameramen while he was being carried from the field on Monday.

They were like vultures with their cameras," Lawrence said. "Didn't they realise what I was

Australian conditions look to be a stumbling-block

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN PERTH

WITH only a week to go to the opening ceremony of the World Cup, four of the nine sides are here playing warm-up matches and finding themselves some way short of prime form. Pakistan and India have both lost one-day babwe were roundly beaten by Queensland's second XI last Sunday, the same day as the South Africans lost to Western Australia.

Even England, when they arrive, are going to find it a different game from the one they are playing in New Zealand. Their opening match is on the trampoline in Perth, here adjustment is a problem. It is probably as well that their opponents will be India, rather than Australia, West Indies or Pakistan, all of whom have bowling attacks well suited by such a pitch.

Mohammad Azhanuddin. the India captain, felt, understandably, that most of his side would have benefited from a week without cricket after the end of the Test series last Wednesday. The snag

have given the two young batsmen they have brought over for the World Cup, to replace Sidhu and Vengsarkar, even less chance than they already have of getting

Batting on the sub-conti-nent and in Australia can provide the sort of contrast which tennis players face when switching from the clay courts of Paris to the grass of Wimbledon. Perversely, the pitch at the Adelaide Oval yesterday, on which the South Africans arranged an additional fixture, was slow and sometimes low, having al-ready been used for the four days of the recent Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Queensland.

The last time South Africa. had played on the ground, in January 1964, they scored 595, their highest total in Test cricket, Eddie Barlow making 201 and Graeme Pollock 175. Yesterday's game, against a side compristhe Australian Institute of Sport's cricket academy in soon after the South Africans had made 205 for seven in 50overs; but another milestone had been raised.

For a few balls towards the nings, two Cape Coloureds were batting together. Omar Henry and Faick Davies, one of two players from what, before unification, was the predominantly non-white South African Cricket Board. who are here for experience.

Davies has, in fact, played several times for Western Province, and looked a natural games player, just as he did when playing touch rug-by, as a training exercise, with the rest of the South African party on Monday

SOCRES: Adetaids: South African XI 205-7 (50 ower: H Cronje 62, A Kulper 54), South Australian XI 24-0 (8.2 overs), Match abendoned. Melibourner: Australian Country XI 165-7 (42 overs: Fl Bedford 50 not out, J Sthatt 428), Indian XI 125-3 (30.4 overs: V Rambil ST most out), Australian Country XI won on faster run rate. Devontors: Trun salach (first day of dree); Paldatar XI 126-8 disc and \$3-1; Taxmania 183-5 disc. Metch abandoned.

Extra man may pose problems

KEITH Fletcher, the England A team manager, admitted yesterday that the addi-tion of Mark Ramp-akash to the party for the short wur to Bermuda and the West Indies would bring selection

side now looks top heavy with batsmen, four openers and four middle-order men being included. Ramprakash, after having

few chances on the senior tour to New Zealand, will join the team around February 26, towards the end of its ten days in Bermuda. The programme in the West Indies comprises only 19 match days (six fixtures).

Fletcher said Ramprakash faced a great personal chall-enge. "It is important that he gets right mentally," he said.
"His problem is that he has got to do well for us. If he does not, there will be other people trying to take his place."

Fletcher was speaking at the National Sports Centre, Lilleghall Lilleshall, where the players are spending three days for

intensive training. It is the climax of five weeks of preparatory work at various other centres, made possible by the Whittingdale coaching sponsorship scheme.

In Devon Malcolm and Andy Pick, Fletcher believes in English cricker. Both at their peak were quicker, he felt, than the unfortunate David Lawrence Malcolm. who said Lawrence's accident was both "a tragedy and a nightmare", said he hoped the tour would prove "a re-launch platform" for his own international career.

Michael Atherton and Angus Fraser, whose injuries forced them to withdraw from this winter's England tours, were among the players at Lilleshall. Atherton's back problems are disappearing and he expects to be fit to play for Lancashire on tour in South Africa next month-Fraser's hip injury is mending and he could do some gentle bowling in the nets when he visits Barbados privately in early March.

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Professionals hope to end amateur domination

ALL FIRST-CLASS MATCHES

THE world's two best professionals will meet two of the leading amateurs for the Lacoste world doubles rackets championship at Clifton College today, with the second leg on Saturday at Queen's Club.

Neil Smith, from Chicago, who is the British profession-al champion, and Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional, who is the newlycrowned British Open winner, were narrowly bearen last year by James Male and John Prenn, but will

With Male unable to compete because of pressure of work. Harrow-educated Prenn teams up for a rare outing with his friend Willie Boone, an old Etonian, traditional rivalry forgotten in the bid for the world crown.

At 41, Boone is still a leading force in the game and at the weekend beat Smith, the holder, in a two-and-a-haif hour cliffhanger to reach the final of the Lacoste British Open, before losing an exciting tussle with Hazell as the effects of his gruelling semi-final took their toll.

ger to prove once and for all that they are now the best in the world, after years in the shadow of the amateurs. The fast and fluent Hazell,

who last season made a brave but unsuccessful challenge for Male's world singles title, is now fully fit after months of injury and keen to build a healthy lead in the first leg on his home court. Smith, a powerful lefthander, who has been training hard in Chicago, took the British professional title in majestic style, only to show hints of the tentativeness and

fluctuating concentration that have marred his play in the past in the Open semifinal against Boone.

"Shannon and I are feeling pretty confident," he said yesterday. "We've played together a lot and I'm reasonably happy with my game at the moment." Boone and Prenn, aged

38. are determined to prove that they can outwit the younger pair and counter their extra power and pace with tactical subtlety, despite giving away nearly two decades in their combined ages. Prenn, who recently had influenza, has won both the British and Canadian amateur titles this season. Boone will no doubt try to

dominate the match, a role he relishes, as he is still phenomenally fit and his renowned zest for the game is unimpaired. "We're obviously going to have to play above ourselves to match Shannon and Neil but we're both great competitors and mentally very strong, as well as knowing one another's game inside out," he said. "I'm thrilled still to be playing at this level in my forties and experiences counts for a lot."



Prenn: defending

Birds, blossom and baboons amid the bunkers

JOHN Michaki gazed out from his farmhouse: over the lines of coffee bushes, over the forests of albizia and diospyros, over the bluehazed deep green fields, towards Mount Kenya.

Here he was deep into his fifties; behind him a career in public service from district commissioner in the last days of the British colonial administration to founder and chief executive of the Kenyan Commercial Bank: now head of an international investment company with interests in agriculture, shoe-making and property. And he was dreaming, as all golfers do, not just of reducing his handicap, but of having his very own custom-built golf

course: a lake here, a cluster

Tom Clarke on a golfing dream which has become a spectacular reality in Kenya

of bunkers there, a plateau

green here, a dog-leg there. Most of us dream on. Michuki stopped dreaming and went to work. He hired Tom Macaulay, president of the British Institute of Golf Architects, as his course designer, they examined ideas in Europe and the United States; they developed a spe-cial Bermuda hybrid grass that would thrive in the fine

red soil; they took advice

from naturalists as well as

from Charles Farrar, the

most experienced of Kenya's

golf professionals ... and through 150 acres of those towering forests, eight miles from Nairobi, they turned Michuki's vision into a spectacular reality.

There are half a dozen

holes that will delight the memory for a long while: there are occasional reminders of Quinta do Lago. Valderrama and the US; but, with birdlife as colourful as it is abundant (one estimate is that there are more than 200 species on the course), and the occasional families of ba-boons and monkeys, this is nowhere but Kenya.

To accompany his course, Michuki built a 130-bedroom hotel in a crescent just beyond the 9th and 18th greens. The hotel is in a style

ronial, but it is as expansive as the landscape. The total cost was about £6 million, huge by Kenyan standards. This month Michuki and David Stogdale, his chief executive, and Guy Epsom, his sales and marketing manager, opened the Windsor Golf and Country Club to visitors. Their target is the interna-tional golf tourism market. "People are travelling all over the world to play golf these days," Michuki says. "I

best described as African ba-

can't see any reason wity they shouldn't come to Kenya." Few golfers are going to journey thousands of miles for a holiday playing just one course, no matter how special it is: they will want to try one or two others. The Nairobl area will not disappoint

Karen, beautifully-maintained and aglow with blos-som. Muthaiga, a daunting test that is the home of the Kenya Open championship, and Royal Nairobi, newly refurbished, are busy with members but can accommodate few visitors. The more accessible options for larger groups are Limuru, a piece of Berkshire downland transposed to the equator, and Sigona, renowaed for its

plethora of flowering shrubs.
There is a smiling welcome at all of them, not least from the caddies, whose light-fingered charm and mischief cast them as the chorus line from Oliver. It is no wonder that the Kenya Golf Union is

planning to register caddles n an attempt to discourage the dishonest ones:

It would be crass to visit Kenya without looking beyoud the golf courses. We included a three-day visit to the Masai Mara National Reserve (even more exciting than we had expected), a day's racing in Nairobi, and a visit to the Nairobi National Park (a remarkable game reserve on the city's outskirts). But we left with a disappointment. John Michuki had one dream still unful-filled his handicap was still

Our holiday was arranged by Abercrombie & Kent. We stayed at the Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi, and Kichwa Tembo camp at Masai Mara.

NETBALL

Sweeney and Gravenor get the call

By LOUISE TAYLOR

PAT Sweeney and Jane Gravenor will make their senior debuts for England against Scotland at Tonbridge, Kent, on

Saturday.

The wing attack and goal attack, from Essex Metropoliran and East Essex respeclively, are the two new faces in the first England side selected by Liz Broomhead, the Eng. land coach who succeeded Betty Galsworthy in

England Under-18 are also in action against their Scottish counterparts at Tonbridge, where Mary Beardwood will be in charge of them for the first time since

succeeding Broomhead.
The Midlands second XI won the inter-divisional tournament contested by representatives of 19 universities at Nottingham last weekend. The South's second XI, the Midlands first XI and the North first XI were second. third and fourth. The Midlands sides consisted mainly of players from Loughborough and Birmingham.

The quarter-linal draw for the national clubs competition is: Toucans v Harborne. BICC v Academy, Henley v Aquila. New Cambell V



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Ballyanto to follow up for Holder

ed by a mid-season break in Barbados, returned to saddle a double with More By Luck and Star Season at Hereford on Monday.

This versatile trainer, based at Portbury, near Bristol, should maintain the momenturn at Worcester today with Ballyanto in the Astwood Handicap Hurdle through.

Last month, Ballyanto landed a competitive selling handicap hurdle over twoand-a-half miles at Chepstow by 30 lengths and the stable was able to retain its winner for just 3,200 guineas.

Ballyanto, again ridden by

MANDARIN

00 Re-Release

3.30 Ballyanto.

1.30 Edward Seymour.

4.30 STEEPLE JACK

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

the promising claiming rider David Matthews, returned to .Chepstow for a novices' handicap hurdle over two miles and stayed on well for third place behind J Brand.

Now tackling three miles for the first time, Ballyanto can take advantage of his lenient mark by beating Toby Baiding's fluent Newton Abbot winner, Mr Lion, and Grange Brake, who had good novice form earlier in the

Richard Lee produced Comedy Road for a 20-length success at Wolverhampton late in December and the eight-year-old, despite racing

THUNDERER

3.00 Roxall Clump.

3.30 Grange Brake.

1.30 ST MARTINS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,468: 2m) (11 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Taylors Castle, 5-2 Edward Soymour, 9-2 Silvers, 10-1 Danoing Legend, 14-1 others, 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - SNOW

2.00 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE

2.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: Div I: £1,670: 2m) (18 runners)

(Qualifier: £2,446: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

FORM FOCUS

EDWARD SEYMOUR 4% 6th of 15 to Switch in a novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m, good) on penulti-mate start. TAYLORS CASTLE beat 8m Sive Sivi in a 14-runner selling hendicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good), with HARWEST SPLENDOUR (7th better off) 2% 4th.

(Qualifier: £2,446: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 F34-F31 NORTHERN JINKS 20 (8,5) (Airs E Smith) R Dickle 9-11-1.

2 553-436 APRIL'S BABY 75 (Nies C Caroe) Miss C Caroe 8-10-10.

3 FR-008F BITTER BUCK 4 (S) (D Norton) C Trietine 9-10-10.

4 © DANCING RETURNS 44 (£ Turner) A James 7-10-10.

5 60-5 DUBACILLA 8 (Mrs V Cole) R Hodges 6-10-10.

6 FS/S050 EBGRIBANA 13 (F) (8DRC Owners Group) J Jankins 7-10-10.

7 2/0751-P IOTCHI KOO 8 (S) (Airs M Wilson) A J Wilson 8-10-10.

8 31848F LASTING MEMORY 36 (F) (B Burnerd) R Frost 6-10-10.

9 00 LILY OF THE WEST 81 (P Homburgh) P Hobbs 7-10-10.

10 00-20 MATERIAL GIRL 26 (T Eperton) C Egerton 6-10-10.

11 6-1057 RE-RELEASE 5 (BF, 45) (J Ennis) M Ppo 7-10-10.

12 34-0000 STRIKE A CHORD 28 (F) (Miss G Dollar) Miss Q Dollar 7-10-10.

8 Biddele 13 Percent Strip P Hombol (P Hombol P P Midgley) (7) 14 4F5 TURROSH STAR 11007 (K Whate) G Harn 7-10-10.

8 Biddele BETTING: 11-8 Re-Release, 5-2 Northern Jinks, 5-1 Bitter Buck, 10-1 Kitchi Koo, Meterial Get, 16-1 obser

BETTING: 11-8 He-Release, 5-2 Northern Jinks, 5-1 Bitter Buck, 10-1 Kitchi Koo, Meterial Gist, 16-1 Others.

FORM FOCUS

BITTER BUCK had every chance when squeezed out close home in an 11-runner novice chase at Market Resea (2m 4f, good) won by Mig in November.

MORTHERN JUNES best Bernahmia GM 7f in a 15-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, good to soft), where RE-RELASE (5b better off) held.

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BETTING: 2-7 Carobee, 6-1 Miner Jackson, 14-1 First Lesson, 20-1 Highland Mait, 25-1 others. **FORM FOCUS**

CAROBEE beat Ring Of Fortune 12 in a 13-numer novice hurdle at Lecaster (2m, soft). FIRST LES-SON 311 12th of 18 to Avendum in a National Hunt flat reas at Lociow (2m, good to firm) in December 1990. MINIER JACKSON 201 3rd of 10 to Snitton Lane m a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, good).

4.00 Comedy Road.

1.30 Sikera.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 RE-RELEASE.

RICHARD EVANS

2.30 Carobee.

over a shorter trip, can complete a double in the Abberley Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase.

The other handicap chase can go to Monumental Lad, a course and distance winner, who, uncharacteristically, fell when challenging the eventual winner, King Of The Lot, at Wolverhampton last week.

However, for the nap I rely on the Kevin Bishop-trained Steeple Jack to open his account in the second division of the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

Steeple Jack, despite starting at 66-1 for his debut, finished an encouraging close-up third behind Barry Window and Irish Bay at Newton Abbot last month.

His credentials look superior to that of Jenny Pitman's Chemin Le Roi, who beat a hasty retreat when a railed-off sixth behind Native Pride at Cheltenham.

The first division of this event looks at the mercy of David Nicholson's Carobee, who decisively beat Ring Of Fortune - a runaway winner at Plumpton on Monday - at Leicester last month. The Heathfield trainer

Gardie Grissell had a wretched day at that Plumpton meeting with three of his four runners falling, including Le Chat Noir who overjumped the second fence in the Hassocks Handicap Chase. This talented nine-year-old

quickly reappears in the Canterbury Handicap Chase at Folkestone and, if he settles early on, could reward at decent odds.

Richard Rowe has made a fine start to his training career and Great Aspect, who won for him over the course and distance last month, can follow up successfully in the Goodwins Handicap Hurdle.

FORM FOCUS

BELSTONE FOX 14I 4th of 6 to Gran Alba in the grade if Serry Fielden Hardle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to coft) on penultimets start. Makes chasing debut, MONUMENTAL LAD 916 and of 5 to My Young Man in a handlesp chase at Haydlock (2m, good), and penultimets start. CHEF RONSIDE 91 th of 7 to its Neerly Time in a handlesp chase at Chepton (2m, good), where FUESO 60Y was bethed when halling 2 out and BLUE BOURBON was pulled.

up before 2 cut. TILDEBO beel Acre Hill 2 in a + runner handicap chese at Plumpton (2m, good). ROXALL CLUMP SI 3rd of 8 to King Of The Lot in a handicap chese at Wolverhampton (2m, good), where MONUMENTAL LAD (seme termit) held ev-ery chance when unseating inder 2 cut. CAME OOWN beet Tenecount 15I in a 5-runner hendicap chese at Wincanton (2m, good to soft). Spinction: MONUMENTAL LAD

3.30 ASTWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE (52,318: 3m) (26 runners)

	- 1	133-005	RASTANNORA 14 (C.F.S) (Fairlord Wholesale Ltd) M Pipe 7-11-13 D Michmond (7)
	. 5	4/035-10	REA TROUT 25 (P) Olive J Horwood) Nice J Horwood 8-11-9
	8	633/2/P-	HEYFLEET 366 (F,S) [The Heyfleet Partnership) Nins J Pitman 9-11-7 M Pitman
	- 4	1-12431	MR LION 20 (SI (Whitcombe Marior Racing Stables Umited) G Belding 10-11-6 R Quest
	- 6	00324	PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 838 (C.F.S) (Fairlord Ltd) M Pipe 8-11-5 P Soudamore
	- 6	141500	NORDIC DELIGHT 41 (V,C,F,G,S) (G Jennings) M Pipe 5-11-2 T Descembs (7)
	7	1/31/5P	WHISKEY GRAIN 20 (D.F.G.S) (N Coulson-Stevens) G Ham 10-11-1 B Powell
	8	213F23	ISABEAU 26 (V,F,G) (T Pryke) K Morgen 5-11-0
	9	JOP/DO/	MYNAH KEY 709 (D.S.) (R Perkins) P Daiton 11-11-0
	10	323021	THE LIGHTER SIDE 9 (D,F,G) (D Davies) M Charles 6-10-12 (Sex.) Judy Davies (7)
	. 15	90-1183	GRANGE BRAKE 46 (G.S) (Mrs. J. Mould) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11 C Llawellyn
	12	04-0013	BALLYANTO 22 (8) (J Cherd) R Holder 7-10-9
	.13	SFP-SPP	BLVERCONE 46 (V,C,G,S) (Mrs C Scott) A J Wilson 11-10-8 A Webb
	.14	P54285	CIDEEN'S ANTHEM 20 (S) (Mrs D Thompson) R Dickin 9-10-7
•	15	00/0000	VISCOUNT TULLY 25 (S) (Furnel Securities S A) C Jackson 7-10-6 R Stronge
	16	P4PP-OP	ABBA LAD 25 (Q.S) (Mrs A Taylor) J Booley 10-10-5
	17	PF-P580	MIT OPTIMIST 25 (S) (Miss T White) Miss T White 11-10-5 Mr J Rees
	18	2/60030	LOBRIC 26 (F.G) (B Hutchinson) J Jenkins 7-10-4 R Dunwoody
	19	3520	SANDFORD SPRINGS 28 (R Williams) D Burchell 5-10-4 D J Burchell
	20	P0-0533	DUCKHAVEN 29 (G.S) (Duckhavan Stud) R Baker 9-10-4
	21	006-P00	ADAMS IMPRINT 14 (B,F) (D Lowe) Mrs G Jones 9-10-2
	22	1-0260	CASTIGLIERO 35 (V) (Mrs B Mead) C Brooks 4-10-0
	23	3-84060	QUITO PRINCE 30 (5,0) (Mrs E Elfs) K Sishop 11-10-0
	24	00/00-00	DAPPING 20 (G,S) (Mrs J James) A James 8-10-0
	25	1PP/FP0	COURT APPEAL 27 (F) (A Souch) Mrs A Knight 10-10-0
	28	341523	GLEBELANDS GIRL 30 (BF,G,S) (D Walsh) R Rowe 5-10-0 L Dace (7)

Long hendicup: Quito Prince 9-13, Dapping 9-12, Court Appeal 9-10, Glebelands Girl 9-10. BETTIMO: 9-2 Grange Brake, 11-2 Mr Llon, 6-1 Ballyanio, 8-1 See Trout, 10-1 Res

FORM FOCUS

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BEA TROUT beet ISABEAU (9to better off) 31 in an brunner handloap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 8), good to firm). MR LION beet Chrier III in a 18-runner sandloap hurdle at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 100yd, good to soff), with QUEEN'S ANTHEM (1010 better m) 2292 5th, DAPPING (177b better off) 2391 7th IND 2015 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	bettier off) 22I 7th. GRANGE BRAKE 17I 3rd of 16 to Triple Witching in a novice hurdle at Newbury (3m 100)vd, good). BALLYANTO 99L 3rd of 16 to J Brand in a novice handicale hurdle at Chepstow (2m, good to wolt). QUEEN'S ANTHEIM 1% 2nd of 11 to Just As I Am in a handicale hurdle, over course and distance (good), with DUCKHAVEN (2b better off) 12M (3m.). Selection: QUEEN'S ANTHEIM
4 00 '	

4.00 ABBERLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

i	1 03/P051-	EIGHT SPRINGS 352 (D.F.G) M Pips 11-11-11 T Descombe (7)	
	-2 6121-44	SIKERA SPY 37 (CD.F) (Plancon Ltd) Mrs A-Hewitt 10-11-1	
	-3 0021/F1		. 9
	4 _483F06/	ONLY TROUBLE 667 (D,S) (T Houtbrooks) T Houtbrooks 11-10-7 D Meade (7)	_
1	5 4/1/0-6F	CLARE LAD-5 (F.S) (Travel Employment Group Ltd) G Hern 9-10-6 V Stattery	8
l	8 F52304/	LOR MOSS 708 (CD,F,S) (A Leighton) A Leighton 12-10-6	_
ı	7 313-F9U	MAYBE BABY 25 (G) (S Lindsey) D Serons 7-10-6 R Greens	87
ł	8 0F1-3FF	TOPPING-THE-BILL 12 (F) (Mrs K Dippin) M Pipe 7-10-5	80
ı	9 P/524P-	PRINCE RAMBORO 293 (G.S) (A Sadik) C Smith 11-10-5 B CRitord	90
ł	10 0-42058	MENINGE 14 (D.F.G.S) (H Party) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-3 D Leahy	-
l	11 SUB-0P0	SPARK OF PEACE 25 (G.S) (B Cahle) P Blockley 10-10-1 P Middley	
ı	12 P-43024	SALCOMBE HARBOUR 29 (B,D,G,S) (R McHardy) P Nicholia 8-10-0 P Hughes (7)	94
ı	13 2-4P45P	SHOTINGO 11 (D,G,S) (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 12-10-0 A Flannigan (7)	90
ı	14 F-6321U	D'OR'S GEM 23 (D,F,G) (South Cheshire Recenorees Ltd) P Beven 9-10-0 D Bridgweter	94
ı	15 45-P4UD	FAST STUDY 8 (S) (Brig C Hervey) D Nicholson 7-10-0	87
ľ	16 10/48-00	FREE JUSTICE 11 (5) (Mrs C Scott) A J Wilson 8-10-0	74
l	17 3/0-4383	GLEBE PRINCE 14 (D Welch) R Rowe 12-10-0 1_ Dace (5)	86
ĺ		2 Salcombe Harbour 9-13, Shotingo 9-13, D'Or's Gem 9-13, Fast Study 9-10, Free Justice	9.7

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FORM	FOCUS	
ENDETT SPRINGS best Good Tonic a short result is an 11-runner handicep chase at Doncaster (2m 4f, good) last February. SIKERA SPY 1994 4th of 12 to good in a handicep chase all Wolverhampton (3m 11, good). COMEDY ROAD best Flemish Fudge	(3m 1f, good). PRINCE RAMBONO SI 2nd of 7 Ylragan in a handicap chase at Devon (3m 1f, hear in March, D'OR'S GEM unchallenged, best Reco Flight 25i in a 3-runner conditional jockeys' handic chase at Nottingham (2m 8f, good to firm).	

4.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(Guanner, Div II. £1,000. 211) (1210 likers)				
1.1		BADBURY PRINCE (C Cowley) J King 6-11-0 P Scudemore	_	
2	0-036	CHEMIN LE ROI 42 (Mrs E Hitching) Mrs J Plinner 5-11-0	. 9	
3	60	JOKESTER 53 (R Liddiard) C Negh 5-11-0 Mr T Jones	_	
4	F585B4	LLACCA SAM 28 (H Thursfield) M Eckley 5-11-0	9	
5,		STEEPLE JACK 20 (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-11-0 R Greene (6)		
6		CHILLY DAY 14 (H Horler) Miss C Horler 6-10-9		
7	0-0		-	
В	P-P0	PENLEA LADY 9 (Mrs S Addings) K Bridgwater 5-10-9	-	
D		POLLY PENORA (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 5-10-9	-	
10	99	RAGLAN LADY 102 (Mrs A Evens) A James 5-10-0 R Ballamy	-	
11	0/PGPO-	RUTHS PRIDE 298 (G Price) G Price 7-10-9 Mr R Davis (7)	-	
12	0-F	STONED OLIVE 6 (D Palmer) J Spearing 7-10-9	-	
BET	TINE: 154	B Chemin Le Rol. 5-2 Steeple Jack, 9-2 Lincon Sum, 12-1 Badbury Prince, 14-1 others.		

	BETTING: 158 Chemin Le Rol, 52 Steeple Jack, 92 Liacon Sam, 12-1 Badbury Prince, 14-1 others.
3.00 LOWESMORE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 2m) (12 runners)	FORM FOCUS
1 00/1-04F BELSTONE FOX 54 (BF,G) (Mrs R Stan) D Micholaen 7-11-10	CHEMIN LE ROI 91 3rd of 14 to Fox Chepel in a novice hundle at Ultioxeter (2m, good). LLACA SAM in novice hundle at Ultioxeter (2m, good). LLACA SAM in novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 to 121 to Berry Window in a novice hundle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 121 t
6 44122/5- TIDAL STREAM 466 (D.G.S) (3 Preston) 7 Forster 9-10-8	COURSE SPECIALISTS
8 22F-4PP BLUE BOURBON 36 (D,S) (R Holder) R Holder 8-10-2 E Byrne B9 9 1-38341 CAME DOWN 34 (D,S) (also N Mertin) R Hodges 9-10-2 Peter Hobbs 85 10 530-24F FUEGO BOY 36 (D,S,S) (R holder) A J Wilson 12-10-1 G Bracfley 91 11 0251/29 C'REILLY 26 (D,BF,S,S) (T Henserings) S Molice 9-10-0 M Petrentt 85 12 032243/ RMGMORE 641 (D,F,G) (hits J Astew) J Perkes 10-10-0 N Smith (3) Long handlosp: O'Reilly 9-8, Ringmore 9-7. BETTING: 7-2 Monumental Lad, 5-1 Came Down, Titlebo, 6-1 Betsone Fox, 6-1 Rexail Clump, 12-1 others.	TRAINERS Winners Rumers Per cent JOCKEYS Winners Rades Per cent M Pipe 42 111 37.8 P Scudamore 49 138 35.5 N Twistion-Davies 6 24 25.0 5 Hodgsorr 4 17 225.5 R Holder 18 74 24.3 M Pfeman 4 27 14.8 T Forster 16 74 21.6 C Maude 6 41 14.6 D Barone 18 84 19.0 N Coleman 8 56 14.2 P Holde 13 75 17.3 J Frest 10 72 13.8

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2.40 KENT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,158: 3m 2f) (9 runners)

Long handices: Pry's-Joy 9-13, Autumn Zulu 9-9, Captain Ahab 9-9, Dandy Winstrel 9-6

MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 1.40 LE CHAT NOUR 1.40 POPESWOOD 1.40 Le Chat Noir.

3. 3.	40 Pamber Priory. 10 Scent Of Battle. 40 Emsee-H. 10 Sunday Punch.	2.10 Great Aspect. 2.40 Pry's-Joy. 3.10 Smart Rebal. 3.40 Emseo-H. 4.10 Sunday Punch.			
GA 2F	GOING: GOOD, SOFT PATCHES (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT LAS 2F (HURDLES)				
1	1.40 CANTERBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,194; 2m 4f) (9 runners)				

1 6/20P-P GOLDEN CZAR 79 (8F,S) (S C/Stree) D Murray Smith 10-12-0 D ≥	لمطامر	
2 41F11-F LE CHAT NOIR 2 (CD,F,G) (Lord Rothermere) D Grissell 9-11-10 I Lan		
3 1212-52 WHATS YOUR PROBLEM 44 (D,G) (Lord Vestey) Mins H Kright 9-11-2 J OI	EPIOCE	
4 3P-3402 POPESWOOD 28 (D,S) (N Hetchins) W Wightman \$-10-10	chards	
5 D-2653U LINICUE NEW YORK 9 (B,S) (Miss S Jameson) S Woodinger 9-10-9 A M	aguire	
6 148U-88 EARL SOHAM 29 (D,G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 9-10-0	Der (7)	
7 F-04042 BILL AND COUP 14 (D.P.S) Dáts C Brown) K Morgan 7-10-0 A 8	Smith	
8 6228P-P ROCKY VULGAN 71 (8) (F Watton) Miss L Sower 9-10-0 R B		
9 OOF-U43 FERTON BRIDGE 47 (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 8-10-0	OFE (7)	
Long handicup: Earl Soham 9-13, Bill And Coup 9-11, Rocky Vulgan 9-18, Fenton Bridge 9-8.		

BETTING: 11-4 Bill And Coup, 4-1 Le Chat Noir, 5-1 Whats Your Problem, 6-York, 10-1 Earl Schem, Fenton Bridge, 20-1 Golden Czar, 33-1 Rocky Vulgan. 1981: MEETING ASANDONED - SHOW

2.10	3000WINS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,590: 2m 100yd) (8 runners)	
2 55U450 3 F0530-1	CRIEAT ASPECT 29 (CO.F.S) (Times Four Partnership) R Rome 6-10-12	91
6 2000L10	PERSIAN LUCK 14 (D.F) (Mrs B Weish) D Weish 6-10-6. J Oshome TIPP DOWN 9 (CD.S) (W O'Nell) D Murry Smith 8-10-1. A Meguine IONO 13 (B.D.G.S) (R Besself) S Sharwood 5-10-2. A Meguine	- 91

BETTING: 3-1 Great Aspect, 7-2 Ketst, 9-2 Tipp Down, 6-1 Kine, 7-1 Charlien Vecman, 10-1 Run Free, 14-1 ba-dyar, 20-1 Person Luck.

Long handicap: Run Free 9-0

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cont	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cen
D Greccell	10	34		Mr P Hacking	3	100	25.0
D Murray Smith R Akehurst		25	29 4 24.0 23.1 17.6	D MADY	B.	41 33 69	19.5 18.2 17.5
	9	76	- B.Y	M Flightern		83	17.6
N Henderson	- 48	13	23.1	H Davids	2	28	143
J Gifford P Hedger	16 3	91 19	17.8 15.8	L Harvey J Osborne	3	22	13.6

BETTING: 9-4 Pry's Joy, 3-1 Over And Above, 5-1 Autumn Zulu, 6-1 Pamber Priory, 8-1 offices 3.10 VALENTINE GORTON JUVENILE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,446: 2m 100yd) (12 runners) BETTING: 5.2 Scent Of Bartle, 7-2 Blaster! Hero, Smart Rebail, 6-1 Solid Steel, 8-1 Sengal Tiger, 10-1 others. 3.40 MANSTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,892: 2m) (11 numers) 1 321110F EMSEE-H 11 (CD,F.S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-120. 2 PP- AUTUMN CRYSTAL 341 (P Boddy) Mas L Bower 8-120 3 8F38/22- RUNNING SANOS 483 (BF.S) (Mrs & Wriss) J Gritord 8-11-2 4 835-802 SHARPGUN 9 (CD,S) (Mrs D Fishers) A Moore 6-10-11 5 0P0350- GINGER WINGS 328 (D Foreheed) A Moore 6-10-11 6 024-6006 ANOTHER SEASON 29 (B) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 9-10-0 7 0PPP-PF THE CHAUFFEUR 9 (S) (B M Enlerphases Ltd) Miss L Bower 10-108 JPP600 MUTARID 8 (D,F) (V Bootle) K Morgan 7-10-0 9 35-F000 BLUE BUCCANEER 28 (Mrs D Pricz, T Forster 8-10-0 10 0023-40 CHERRY CHAP 28 (D,F) (Mass L Jerines) W riodfon 7-10-0 11 0-8F75U WINNING DANCER 9 (CD,S) (C Bedser) Miss L Bower 9-10-0 A Maguing 94 ... T Granthum 88 ... D Murphy 88 ... G Moore 999 J Akehurst 78 85

BETTING: 8-13 Emage-H, 100-30 Sharpgun, 7-1 Running Sands: 10-1 Winning Dancer. 14-1 others. 4.10 NORTH FORELAND NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2m 100yd) (10 runnere) 1 \$/20P64- AL SAHIL 274 (Mrs E Gittins) J White 7-10-0 DPoole (7) 79 2 80-40 DOVEHILL 33 (R Townsend) R Townsend 6-11-0 A Maguire 4 3 0 EDIMBOURG 9 (A Richards) S Woodman 6-11-0 A Maguire 5 5 0 HIMILAJ 23 (Mrs B Mayoccas) S Mator 7-11-0 S Woods 5 6 0 HIMILAJ 23 (Mrs B Mayoccas) S Mator 7-11-0 S Earle 7 7 308-005 SUNDAY PLINCH 36 (Pe0-mell Partners) J Griford 6-11-0 Delle Mickown 98 8 222(80-0 YEDMAN METRO 9 (Mrs H Alvent) J Griford 6-11-0 Lewrence 84 9 /22(80-0 YEDMAN METRO 9 (Mrs H Alvent) J Griford 6-11-0 E MicKniey 9 89 10 P MENAGHI 54 (P Webb) J Upson 5-10-9 R Supple BETTING: 9-4 Tipo Mariner, 4-1 Sunday Punch. 5-1 Prosequendo, 6-1 Al Sahil. 8-1 Glazente 10-1 others.

Supple fighting to be fit in time for Zeta's Lad

BY MICHAEL SEELY

ROBBIE Supple, injured in a fall at Plumpton on Monday, hopes to be passed fit in time to partner Zeta's Lad at Leopardstown on Sunday for John Upson's attempt to win the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup for the third consecutive

"I was only shaken and bruised, not concussed," said the jockey. "I am going to see my doctor and the boss tomorrow. I am confident that I'll be passed fit before Sun-day." Upson, however, has Richard Dunwoody standing by as a replacement.

Zeta's Lad, runner-up to Tom Troubadour at Newbury last Friday, would hardly be in the same league as Nick The Brief, the trainer's previous winner of Ireland's premier conditions chase.

"We won't beat Carvill's Hill, but we might get the better of the Irish horses," said Upson at Towcester yes-terday after Tony Byrne, an Irish amateur, had successfully deputised for Supple on Letterfore in the EBF Mares Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier). "Nick The Brief is having a

year's rest as he strained a tendon last reason," the train-

The betting suggests that the result of Sunday's big race is a foregone conclusion. P J Hennessy, the Dublin bookmakers, make Carvill's Hill favourite at 9-4 on to repeat his 1989 win. They offer 10-1 against the other British runner. Gold Options, who will

for Jimmy Fitzgerald and 33-1 Zeta's Lad. The Sun Alliance Chase promises to be one of the most keenly contested races at the National Hunt Festival and

be attempting to repeat For-give'N Forget's 1987 victory

Ladbrokes were prepared to offer 25-1 after Parson's

Supple: recovering

Thorns had just got the better of a desperate battle with Trublion for the Bluebell Novices' Chase.

The Charlie Brooks-trained chaser, an impressive winner of his previous two races, looked beaten before Graham Bradley drove the sevenyear-old up to gain the day in the final strides.

"At. first sight I was de-pressed," said the trainer. "Graham said that the horse was never going. But Stan Mellor thinks a lot of the runner-up and Parson's Thorns definitely needs three

Milnnehoma and Mutare are Ladbroke's 5-1 joint-favourites for the Sun

General Idea, due to reappear at Leopardstown on Sunday, is a 7-1 chance. And Run For Free, a winner at Newton Abbot yesterday for Martin Pipe, is on offer at 14-

A likely winner of the Cheltenham Foxhunters' was on view when Marcus Armytage rode that talented hunter chaser Teaplanter to a highly impressive victory in the John Wrattle Memorial Challenge

Step closer to jockeys' logos

THE Jockey Club has agreed in principle to allow jockeys to carry advertising on their

Racing's governing body welcomed an initiative put forward by the Jockeys' Association and the two bodies will now be working together to produce a detailed scheme. However, hopes that riders

will be sporting logos on breeches and boots by Derby day appear hugely optimistic. A more realistic timetable for

Jockey Club stewards considered the proposal at a meeting in London on Monday, and in a statement is-sued yesterday, said: "The stewards welcomed this initiative, but decided that a number of important points required further detailed investigation as soon as

The Jockeys' Association

implementation would be the end of this year or beginning believes that advertising will prove a new money-spinner for the industry. The revenue would not only benefit individual riders and their association but also the racehorse

> Michael Caulfield, secre-tary to the Jockeys' Association, said: "I take the Jockey Club response to be a guarded 'yes'. We will now be formally approached to arrange a meeting and then we will thrash out the details."

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THUNDERER 1.50 Maid Weicome. 2.20 Ever So Lonely. 2.50 Lord Advocate. 3.20 Palacegate King. 3.50 Well Bought. 4.20 Count Me Out.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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Bought, 8-1 Trump, 10-1 Eigin, 12-1 others. 4.20 SOUTHWELL HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,402: 1m) (17)

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15 000- NORTH-WEST ONE 76 H Collingadge 4-10-6
16 050- FILTZARDE CORPUS ONE 76 H Collingadge 4-10-6

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Barron, 47 winners from 184 numers, 25.5%; J Peases, 7 from 31, 22.6%; W O'Gorman, 22 Iron 103, 21.4%; J Beny, 20 from 99, 20.2%; M Prescott, 12 from 64, 18.8%; M Bell, 7 from 38, 18.4%. JOCKEYS: Alex Greeves, 50 winners from 170 roles, 29.4%; T Wilson, 3 Irom 12, 25.0%; N Day, 12 Irom 70, 17, 1%; Erruns O'Gormen, 18 from 109, 165%; G Carter, 27 from 170, 15.9%; G Doffield, 30 Irom 186, 15.3%.

ELECTION OF STEED AS A STATE OF THE STATE OF 2.20 (2m 21 hdie) 1. Parbold Hill (Diel McKeown, 33-1). 2. Abrigal's Dream (2-1 | 1-tev); 3. Glen Finnen (7-2) Se-Aq 2-1 | 1-tev); 3. Glen Holle) 1. Sefety (A Webb, 11-4); 2. Slorim Orphan (13-8 fav); 3. Yuvra; (15-6); 4 ran. 3. 1 ltl. J Whate, Tote. 53.60 DF: 53.70 CSF: 57.34. 3.20 (2m 41 hdie) 1. Jen-Re (A Maguire, 11-4); 2. Cazaudehore (11-10 fav); 3. Radar Krught (8-1), 5 ran. 41, 71; 5 Murphy, Tote C3.70, 52.20, 57.10 DF: 53.00, CSF: 58.57. After a stewards' enqury, result stood. Newton Abbot

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24 61 2.90 (2m holis) 1, Letterfore (Mr T Byrne, 7-1); 2, Hi Boots (7-1); 3, Dolly Outz (16-1), Highertey 9-4 fev. 13 rsn. NR; Kling's Ned, Oh So Windy 3d, 8d, Upson. Totes 27,10; 52.20, 53.80 \$2.90. DF; \$20.90. CSF; 3.00 (3m 190yd ch) 1. Bit Of A Clown (M Lynch, 11-2). 2. Withy Bank (10-1); 3. Sneer Steel (33-1). Fire At Wil (11-4 fay). 13 cm. NR: Tom Bir, Langusme, Manter Correctly 3M; 2M; Mrs I McKle. Tota: 24.40; 5: 40, 53.10, 58.90. DF, 530.90. CSF 596.34. Tricast F1,501.62.

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3.30 (2m 5f 28yd hdie) 1, Man Of Mystery (S Earle, 10-1); 2. Glengriffin (16-1); 3. Caetiabay Lad (33-1); 4, Emily's Star (11-2). Acrow Line 4-1 fav. 16 ras. MP: Pair Crossing, Golden Soneta. 1 Mil. nk. 63. C Trictime. Yote: C11.60; 52.60, 55.00, 55.00, DF: C350 (1st or 2nd with any other). CSF: £157.40. Tricest: £4,983.39

4.00 (2m St 110yd ch) 1, Templantur (Mr M Armytaga, 2-7 fay); 2, Credit Cut (20-1); 3, Ardesee (6-1), 9 ran. 20, diet. Wass C Stunders. Tote: £1.30; £1.40, £3.30, £1.50 DF: £6.40, CSF: £3.85

4.30 (2m 5; 25yd hdie) 1, Threeositoffour (M Brennen, 4-1); 2, Hopeful Alde (M Lymch, 23-1), 2, Righting Words (F-2 tav), 12 ran, NR, Simpson, Kamribaniya, 10, nt. 0 Brennan, Tota: £4.50; £2.60, £3.80, £2.00, DF, £37.60, CSP, £114.34, Tricest: £376.82 Pleascot: £237.40

Going: heavy 1.40 (2m 150yd hdie) 1, Top Jevelin (Ne R Darke, 4-1 jr.tav); 2. One To Note (7-1); 3, Jegged Edge (7-1); Golden Standard 4-1 jr.tav, 15 min. 71, 121, D Berons, Tote: 55.50; 61.70, 53.10, 51.90, DF: £28.10. CSF: £22.52, Treast: £182.51.

2.10 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, Run For Free (P Scudemore, 2-5 fav; Private Handicap-per's top resting); 2, Meet The Foulker (1-1); 3, Sketcher (5-1), 10 ran, 201, dest, M Pips. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £5.30, CSF, £8.37.

M rips. 10m; 21:30, 51:30, 51:30. Dr. 25:30, CSF: 25:37.
2.40 (2m 150yd ch) 1, Wide Boy (Peter Hobbs, 100:30); 2. Evening Rein (5-1); 3. Dr Rocket (6-1); 4m Matter 5-2 tav 6 ran. 10, 21, P Hobbs. Tote: 23:30; 22:00, 52:20. Dr. 25:80 CSF: 51:72-5
3.10 (2m 160yd hdie) 1, Stavi (P Scudamore, 11-8 tav); 2, Featrame (9-2); 3. Weapon Eichibition (7-2); 3 ran. Nift: Conjurer, Keep in Tran. 10, 101. M Pipe. Tote: 22:40; 21:50, 21:30, 51:70 Dr. 54:80 CSF: 27:75. Winner bought-in for 4,800gns.
3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Connate (Mr J Farming, 7-2); 2, The Jopper (20-1); 3, Smoktin Anna (5-4 fav); 14 ran. 8, 6, 8; Barber. Tote: 54:00; 21:50, 54:80, 51:20. Dr. 57:1 00 CSF: 583:35.

£71.00 CSF £83.25. 4.10 (3m 2f ±0.00/d ch) 1, Ask Frank (R Guest, evens feet) 2, Mander 9 Way (4-1); 3, Mr Gens (16-1) 10 run Diet, 244. & Bailding, Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.50, £2.30. Duel toracasel £3.20 CSF: £5.84. Dual torecest: £3.20 CSF: £5.84. 4.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Nova Spirit (0 Mercelith, 16-1): 2, Plastic Spaceage (7-2): 3, Begheyr (8-4 fav). 14 ran. Hd, 201 M Seuriders Tota: £2.00; £3.00; £1 10 DF: £55.80, CSF: £72.82.

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alood.
3.50 (2m hdie) 1. Tales Two (A Maguire, 13-8); 2. Antico Nativo (8-11 fev), 3. Valued Friend (50-1). 5 ran. 1½, 2S. J. White. Tote: 22.70; £1.20, £1.10. DF-£1.30. CSF: £3.18.
4.29 (1m 5f fail) 1. Be My Era (G Heaver, 4-5 tav); 2, Deighthul Mas (12-1); 3, The Alpine Amazon (7-4), 4 ran. NR: Hot Lass. 6, 13. A Denson. Tote: £2.10 DF: £24.40. CSF. £8 19.

Ginther's hopes dashed by a fall

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERIBEL

THE opening exchanges in women's Alpine skiing take place here today but, even before the first of five gold medals is consested. Vreni Schneider has shown how valuable a wise old head can be. Schneider's decision to skip the combined event for fear of crashing on the downhill looked a shrewd one

yesterday.

Schneider, the Swiss who along with Carole Merke, of France, is trying to stem the tide of youth at these Games, chose to preserve her health for the defence of her statom and giant slalom titles. And, in final practice yesterday for the combined, the risks she had chosen to avoid were as evident as the mountain

No fewer than five skiers fell on the Le Devers section. of the combined downhill course, a shortened version of the downhill piste proper. One, Sabine Ginther, the

title favourite from Austria, suffered a back injury which put her out for the rest of the season. Gone were Ginther's hopes of a double in the combined and the downhill.

The combined competition, comprising downhill today and slalom tomorrow. favours the downhillers because of the testing nature of today's section. For this reason, Ginther, aged 22 and vinner of the most recent World Cup downhill, in Grindelwald, had looked a strong candidate whereas Schneider had felt that, however well she may have skied the downhill, she would still have had soo much to make up in the

Now Ginther is out the advantage passes to Ger-many. In Katja Seizinger and Miriam Vogt, Germany has two downhillers in form while the Swiss, their cowbells quiet after neither Franz Heinzer (downhill) nor Paul Accola (combined) brought expected men's golds, hope Chantal But, though Bournissen is combined world champion, this is not her kind of

Nor will it be in the downhill proper on Saturday. The women have long been arguing for more demanding tests of downhill prowess and now they have got one. It com-

RESULTS



longer than usual) with sudden drops and sharp turns; and there is no flat. "We have never seen anything like it." Paul Major, the chief United States coach, said.

Seizinger will start as fa-vourite but the outcome could even go the way of the men's downhill. Patrick Ortlieb won on Sunday without ever hav-ing succeeded in a World Cup race and Vogt could do the same. Her form has been going uphill, reaching a peak second place in Grindelwald. She has also been well placed in all three training runs, one on the downhill course and two on the combined downhill course.

Locally, interest centres on Merle. The one prominent skier who, aged 28, is older than Schneider, Merle carries the burden of expectation that she will bring France its first Olympic women's Alpine gold medal for 24 years. Merle is the favourite for

the super giant slalom next Sunday. Last year she said goodbye to life as a single woman and to nagging inju-ry; she married her physiotherapist. She has shown strongly in super giant sla-loms and giant slaloms this season, winning her last three races in the latter. But Schneider, aged 27, stands in her way in the giant slalom

next Wednesday.

If Schneider wins she will set herself up for the double for the second successive Olympics in the final event. the sialom, next Thursday. If she fails in both you will be able to get your Swiss cow-

Petra Kronberger has done nothing in training to suggest that she is out of the trough of form but one name to emerge as a potential menace is Svetlana Gladishewa, of



End of a dream: Ginther is comforted by a course worker after crashing out of the women's combined

Men's combined (Val d'isére)
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(1:46.25, 1.42.99); 5, M Wresmaier (Gar),
32.77 (1:45.91; 1:45.15); 5, K Ghadine (I),
39.96 (1:46.65, 1.44.91); 7, O.C Furnseth
(Nor), 40.47 (1:49.94, 1:41.79); 8, X
Gegandet (Switz), 41.21 (1:46.61);
147.19); 9, T ismioius (Japany), 51.83
(1:49.29, 1:42.42); 10, L. Arnesen (Nor),
51.93 (1:46.81; 1:46.92); 11, J-E Thorsen
(Nor), 52.75 (1:44.97; 1:50.39); 12, R
Crossaw (Can), 57.27 (1:46.35; 1:45.12);
13, J Kosair (Slovens), 59.78 (1:49.50)
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Bel, 134.03 (1:48.09; 1:59.19); 28, 8
Langmair, 142.32 (1:54.81; 1:48.88).
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(C.2.), 24:57 6; 6, P Schaaf (Ger), 25:10 4;
7. A Bittand (Fr), 25:25.8, 8, S Begorva
(Buh), 25:33 5; 9, D Burlet (Fr), 25:50.5; 10,
1 Kesper (Ger), 25:57 3; 17, U Del (Ber),
25:39 3, 12, M Bedard (Can), 26:04 6, 13,
8 Pecherakas (UT), 28:00 7; 14, M Stadog
(Swe), 28:15.8; E Krigtansen (Nor),
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Men's combined (Courchevel)
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(Austria), 225 (85.0m. 89 Gm, 89 Bm), 2,
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1610), 216 7 (85.5, 85.5, 85.5m), 6, K
Ogmara, (Japen), 215.3 (85.5, 65.5,
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211.9 (82.5, 85.0, 85.0m), 10, T Durher
(Ger), 210.8 (83.0, 85.0, 86.5m).

MEDALS TABLE

PROGRAMME:

Today

06.30: Biathlon: men's 10km. 09.00: 06.30: Bisthion: men's 10bith. 06.90: Luger women's singles 10.00: Free-style slong mogula heats 11.15: Alipine skiing: women's combined downhill. 13.30: Nordic combined 15kim. 15.00: Speed skating: women's 1,500m. 12.15, 16.15 and 2015: los hockey. Pod B Canada v Norwey: Frgnes v Switzerland, GIS v Caschostovakia.

09,00: Cross country: men's 10km, 09,00 and 13.00: Alpine sking: women's combened slaten, 10.30: Free-style sking: meguls finals. 12.00: Gross country women's 5km. 14.45: Speed skating: men's 5,000m. 18.30: Figure skating. men's ongonal. 12.15, 16.15 and 20.15: Ice hockey: Pool Attaly v Potand, United States v Finland; Germany v Sweden

Three cheers for our unsung heroes

to my mind. Worthy mem-

bers of the British team were

receiving proportionately lit-

tle or no acclaim, even in

Britain, Dixon, a sergeant in

the 35th Engineers Regi-

ment, had a perfect shot in

the 10km, and only missed

two targets in the 20km

event. Marginally better ski-

ing would have won him a

medal. In the 1990 world

championships he was

twelfth, again with a perfect

shot, and twelfth again in

last year's pre-Olympic tour-nament here. Today, he competes in the 10km race,

This time, I have a lot

more experience under my

his lesser event.

Les Saisies: Michael Dixon doesn't matter. Won't win a medal. Only in the best dozen biathlon Nordic competitors in the world. So wrote, in effect, one of our more fashionable commentators recently, disparagingly dismissing the Winter Olympic Games on the grounds that they are basically for other people and of little interest to

I find this worrying. Firstly, it is a self-defensive insularity. subconsciously acknowledging that Britain itself does not matter, is no longer a serious world power. That does not absolve us, of course, from being part of the world community.

Secondly, and more specifically, the view is so totally contrary to the spirit of the Olympic Games and of taking part. There are no winners without losers. When we occasionally beat people in the summer Games, the medals only have value on those we have defeated.

Italians, Josef Polig and

Gianfranco Martin, scored a

surprise one-two triumph in a

hazardous combined event

yesterday when the holder, Hubert Stroiz, skidded out on

the brink of an unprecedent-

become the first racer to retain an Olympic Alpine ski-

ing title but his nerves got the

better of him and he faltered

a few gates before the finish of

the second leg of the slalom.

The race had also taken its

toll on the favourites, with Marc Girardelli and

Guenther Mader falling in

Monday's downhill and Paul

Accola going out of conten-

tion when he skidded off and

lost a vast amount of time in

yesterday morning's first sia-

"I just have weak nerves. I

thought I was behind at the

top and just made mistakes

because I thought I had to

attack." Stroiz said after lead-

ing the combined into the

final leg. "I leaned inside and

just put too much pressure on

Polig, whose previous best

result was fifth in a combined

lom leg.

The Austrian looked set to

ed repeat Olympic win.

One of my boyhood heroes was the failed Robert Falcon Scott, from the epic South Pole excursion. One of those who unavailingly attempted to teach me languages was Wilfred Noyce, a hero of the first Everest ascent. There is something different about some of the Winter Olympic events, their association with danger and discomfort in conjunction with endurance, as opposed to those more socially agreeable stresses of the summer Games.

To be blase about the winter Games is to show a lack of understanding. It was in sympathy with Dixon, thirteenth in the 20 kilometre biathlon, in Calgary in 1988, and with Martin Bell. eighth that time in the downhill, that I was so irritated by the publicity that surrounded a self-centred, incompetent ski-jumper, who skied rather than jumped off the platform and made himself and Britain a target of ridi-

cule, albeit friendly. That is not the Olympics

proved the best survivor in

two contrasting runs — the

first on an icy and bumpy 56-

gate track and the second

through \$5 gates beneath a heavy snowfall.

Steve Locher took the

bronze ahead of the French-

man, Jean-Luc Cretier, to

give Switzerland their first

medal on the Bellevarde slope

after their dismal showing in

Sunday's downhill. Strolz suf-

fered the fate which befell

Pirmin Zurbriggen in the

combined at the 1988 Calga-

"I won in Calgary because Zurbriggen had the bad luck

It's hard but I know you have

to have luck to win. It's very

difficult to be in the lead in

such a race," Strok said after

Polig had commiserated with

him. "I can't believe what

happened. I had no hopes

and thoughts of doing so well

here. It's an incredible victory

for me. It's just a great day,

Martin, second in the com-

bined downhill, came desper-

ately close to snatching the gold from Polig, finishing a

mere 0.06 of a second outside

the time needed to win.

the Italian said.

ry Olympics.

belt than in Calgary," Dixon said yesterday before his final training spell. "Unfortu-nately my training has been interrupted by injuries, but that's in the past. Now I have to try to relax, though the event tomorrow is for me a bit of a sprint."

Endurance in Nordic skiing is without parallel in any sport, as scientifically proved. Nordic skiers have the greatest lung capacity of

any athlete. Those against whom Dixon competes, Swedes, Russians and the rest, have mostly been skiing since they were little boys. He began in 1982, when he was 19, and only converted to biathlon

six years ago.
Since Calgary, he has spent time in Sweden having his rifle barrel pared down to eliminate weight. The disadvantage in that, when the pulse is racing and chest heaving from skiing up and down hill, is that a lighter rifle is more liable to wobble. "I feel by now I have adjusted to the change in weight,"

Dixon said. His preparation has been able to be extensive enough to give him a real chance of finishing in the top six on account of continuing sponsorship from Montague, the merchant bankers, who have

their backing, from £30,000 to £40,000 a year. With Sports Council support of E80,000. Dixon and others are able to undergo glacier training in the summer in Austria and to spend extra months abroad during the winter. Sealink and Scandinavian Seaways provide sponsorship in kind, as do

already decided to increase

Land Rover.

John Leaning, who competed in Nordic events in the 1968 Games, returned in 1984 at Sarajevo as manager of the women's team, and in Calgary as assistant chef, de mission at the Nordic venue. He is now Nordic director of the British Ski Federation.

He said yesterday: "What. Michael did in Calgary was amazing in only his second year. Although he has had irritating injuries, I think psychologically he is in a good frame of mind, and if conditions are right we are hoping he can improve on what he did last time."

Holder's slip lets in O'Reilly is calmly waiting Italians for a double for his Games to begin in Kitzbuehei last month Val d'Isere: Two unheralded

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN ALBERTVILLE

the short-track team, reports that his skaters have settled comfortably in their hotel at Brides-les-Bains, perched on the side of a heavily wooded mountain.

None seems more comfortable than Will O'Reilly, holder of the championship. Asked by Christopher Dean, wearing his television commentator's hat, if he were now anxious to go into action, O'Reilly replied with a mischievous smile: "This is the best part."He liked to see the others fret and sweat from the waiting and the hanging

about, and perhaps crack under the pressure. He seems pressure-proof. The team generally are not content to follow in the footsteps of Torvill and Dean, Cousins, Curry and others. They want to come back

with a few medals, not just

one," Marchall said. "We're

hoping the bob boys will give

SO FAR so good, so far as Britain's best hope of an Olympic medal is concerned. Archie Marchall, manager of an exercised with a flat camp. We've seen nothing to surface. You wonder how it frighten us here, but the South Koreans haven't arrived yet and they're bound to

be strong."

The British speed skaters have declined to practise in the mornings at Chambery. partly because they do not relish spending another two or three hours a day in a bus, and partly because the rink there is narrower than Olympic requirements, an important consideration for shorttrack skaters.

"Anyway, they don't need "Marchall said, "We know. from experience that once a day is enough. All the work has been done. It's now a matter of fine tuning. The Canadians went to Chambery this morning and three of

-them fell this evening." The British team spend the equivalent time on exercise bikes, perhaps while watching television, and also devote loving attention to their siender-bladed skates with a vari-

can withstand the punishment inflicted upon it. It is bowed slightly, with a radius appropriate to the skater's preference.

Standing at one end of the rink, chin on the raised barrier, you are overwhelmed by the training spectacle. Last night it was the turn of the Japanese to come hurtling towards us in single file like sinister marauders from outer space. Men and women mix, crash-heimeted and bent horizontal at the waist. When it seemed too late, they would swing to the left and present the same intimidating spectacle to those at the

other end. In the individual 1,000 metres, heats and quarter-finals are held on Monday, two to quality, and the semi-finals and final two days later. In the meantime, we must hope "the bob boys" will have proyided suitable motivation from La Plagne.

SWIMMING

Strong candidates ignored despite impressive form

By CRAIG LORD

THE roll call for the British Olympic training camp at Florida next month again highlights the failure of the selectors to keep pace with the progress of competitors. What is more, it has attracted criticism from the country's leading woman contestant.

Karen Pickering, who de-clined selection for the camp at Fort Lauderdale from March 10-21, has described the trip as "pointiess, a com-plete waste of money and an excuse to get away to the sun." She insists she is better

While Pickering's unavailability was to be expected, it is the selection criteria, which was set a year ago and favours historic performance over current form, that most mars what should have been an opportunity for the Great Britain Amateur Swimming Federation to encourage those who have proved them-selves to be committed to

achieving Olympic success. Instead, selectors have ignoted performances from the entire World Cup series and have given preference to those who competed at last Au-gust's European champion-

ships over those who became the national champions at Barnet in mid-December.

While Samantha Purvis and Mike Hooper are among those who, suffer from this policy, two of the most notable omissions are Mark Foster and Lyndsey Rogers.

Last month Foster, of Barnet Copthall, clocked 24.10sec to rank third in the world at 50m butterfly and set a British record of 22,22sec to rank in the top five at 50 metres freestyle.

Rogers, aged 14, of Bristol Central, who has consistently challenged Lorraine Coombes for the No. I spot in breaststroke races, is also desperately unlucky to be staying

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir back in the groove Kurwait: Jahangir Khan, of

Pakistan, returning to competition after a three-month enforced break, yesterday won the Kuwait Liberation Cup by defeating Chris Dittmar, of Australia, 9-1, 9-10, 2-9, 9-4, 9-3 in 93 minutes (Colin McQuillan writes). Mounted to celebrate the first anniversary of liberation from Iraqi occupation, the \$50,000 invitation event, attracted-leading players from 17 of the nations involved in the Gulf war and will convert next year to a \$100,000 world tour open tournament After a slow start. Dittmar, who, defeated Jahangir in

their last two meetings, ap-peared to be heading for vic-tory, leading 2-1 and 4-1 in the fourth game. "But I never felt confident of winning. It was just a contest of bashing the ball," he said. A series of eight unforced errors reinforced his point and handed the initiative to Jahangir, back as world No. 1. "I just went a little

detensive and hit a little deep-

tiring." Jahangir said.

Britain name

RUGBY LEAGUE

new caps THERE are three new cape in the Great Britain side to play France in the British Coal international at Perpignan on Sunday. They are the wings, John Devereux, of Widnes, and John Bendey, of

Leeds, and the St Helens stand-off half, Jonathan Griffiths (Keith Macklin writes). There will be a fourth new cap if the Wales forward, Mark Jones, of Hull, takes the field from the substitutes'

Deryck Fox, the experienced Featherstone Rovers scrum half, has withdrawn from the squad through injury and his place among the reserves to travel is taken by Alan Hunte, the St Helens

The team, which is can tained by Jonathan Davies, contains no Wigan players

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YACHTING

New stern for Italians

PROM BOS ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

THE Italian yacht. II Moro di Venezia, will have a new stern for round robin two of the America's Cup challenger eliminations which begin off San Diego on Saturday. Il Moro di Venezia, whose

design lineage has set the theme for many of the other top America's Cup challengers, has an idea borrowed from the New Zealanders: the stern and after end of the cocknit have been cut away in a step, "just to save a few kilos in cutting away material," said the Il Moro spokesman, Stefano Roberti.

Roberti said more area had The yacht is the fifth the Italian syndicate has built and is essentially a refine-

ment of Il Moro di Venezia

Since then the Italian team has carefully refined the boat three theme through boat four and the (current) boat five and other syndicates notably the French, Japanese and latest boat in the America> - have gone the same way: "Heavy and long with maximum sail area," says

. In race four of round robin two of the defender trials off San Diego yesterday, Stars & Stripes (Dennis Conner) was to meet America3 (Bill Koch). Overall points after 12 races and before today's race were: America3, 10; Stars & Stripes. 3; Defiant, 2.

THE WATER SPORT BEING FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated B international .. . Republic of Ireland v Denmark (at Tolka Park) Rumbelows Cup

Quarter-final replay Middlesbrough v Peterborough... Zenith Date Systems Cup Northern section final

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Second division Cowdenbeath v Brechin PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE Paret division: Bradford v Liverpool (7.0); Newcastle v Sheffield Utd (7.0); Potherham v Coventry (7.0); Sneffield Wed v Sunderland (7.0). Postponed: Notion Forest v Barrolay. Second divisions Burriery v Derby (7.15); Gransby v Mansfeld (7.0); Middlesbrough v Port Vale (7.0); Preston v Notts County (7.0); Wolverhampson v Oldham (7.0); York v Hall (7.0). Postponed: Huddersfield v Blackpool. Blackpool, NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton v Chariton (7:15); tpewich v Reading (2:0); Oxford Utd v Luton; Warbledon v Swindon.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Stacksbridge v Brigg. RUGBY UNION

Representative matches Bristol v Royal Navy (7.0) Met Police v RAF (2.30) Oxford Univ v The Army Surrey v Kent (at Sunbury, 7.30) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National Cup: Semi-final, second lag: Kingston v Worthing (8.0). SNOOKER: Plagul Weigh Open (Newport LC). NIS: LTA women's satelite tour-nament (Research

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SWIMMING

Few could tame the brutality of the animal

s in boxing deci-A sions. Tyson's conviction for rape will leave plenty of room for argument whether or not justice was done. Which of us can know for certain about what exactly happened in that hotel room in Indianapolis? We, in Britain, know only too well about wrongful convictions.

If the decision is a blow for women, who for too long have been the victims of Tyson's brutishness, it is a bitter blow for boxing. If Tyson's appeal fails, the sport will be the poorer for his absence. He is one of the world's great heavyweights and is still regarded by many as the people's champion.

Tyson secured a place among the greats by becoming the youngest heavyweight champion when, at the age of 20, he knocked out Trevor Berbick in the second round in 1986 to win the World Boxing Council title. Eight months later, he had become the undisputed world champion.

Entering the ring with black trunks and shoes and without a robe or socks, Tyson caught the attention of the boxing world by knocking out his first 19 opponents. In all, he knocked out

37 of his 42 opponents. Had he been allowed to continue, he might have become the greatest and richest heavyweight of all time. He has so much ability that, even if he were to take up his career after an eight-year absence, he could still have the potential, at 33, to lay claim

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Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent,

looks at the career of Mike Tyson,

the former world heavyweight champion

goes, so goes boxing."

baddest man on the planet".

As Dr Bill Hoffman, a psy-

chiatrist in Providence.

a winner. Tyson is more bla-

tantly self-serving and ag-

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cessful with it. He's brutal in and out of the ring. We fear

that naked aggression; that aggression and force. Tyson

has that pure animal brutal-

The trouble with Tyson

was that he never grew up in

the real world. He remained

a street kid who always gravi-

in from a itivenile centre and

taught him to box, and his

team — Jim Jacobs, Bill

Cayton, Kevin Rooney and

others — kept him on a tight

rein, all the time instilling the

philosophy of boxing success

in him and, from time to

time, baling him out of

But after Jacobs's death,

Tyson — the then undisputed

world champion — dismissed

Cayton and Rooney and joined up with King, who knew little about the tech-

us D'Amato, the famous manager-rainer who took him

tated to the dark places.

ity in the ring:

"He has been fascinating

gressive than we are.

who has been found guilty of rape the heavyweight division

true world class. The others, including Evander Holyfield, the world champion. are little more than seconddivision men. If Bob Arum — the arch

rival of Don King, Tyson's promoter - felt Tyson's departure meant absolutely nothing to boxing because "in some way it helps boxing by eliminating someone who perceived to be a bad apple in the mix". Seth Abraham, the head of Time-Warner Sports, saw it differently.

There would never be a single attraction like Tyson. who is a huge draw no matter the quality of the opponent. "He is a legitimate cash register," Abraham said. Tyson earned \$75 million (about £42 million) in five years and was also a source of money

for his opponents. Arum said: "There's enough big fights: George Foreman-Holyfield [in a rematch] is big enough. There will be more big combina-

tions in the years ahead." But that is only the view of an interested party. Really, without Tyson, the life will go out of a division that has little talent beyond the first four. Tyson's departure would

have "the most profound effect on the heavyweight championship, and that connects with the other divisions," Abraham said. "As

Tyson. There was no one to talk to him about the philosophy of D'Amato. He even lost the friendship

of his confidant, Jose Torres, the former world light-heavyweight champion and also a D'Amato boy, who would sit at the ringside and shout out The fans wanted to see "the numbers of the D'Amato punch combinations. King took Tyson back to his roots. He found Christianity and Rhode Island, said: "Tyson is." self-destruction.

Despite being surounded by a posse of trainers, subtrainers, minders and cuts men, Tyson never found the closeness of the old team and remained, in effect, his own manager, trainer and

His corner was too afraid to pull him up and he gradu-ally forgot his boxing. He believed he only needed to look at his opponents to blow them away. His enemies have tended to rubbish him since his failure against James "Buster" Douglas but the bout must be seen as an

Jay Bright, a Tyson cornerman who took over after Tyson dismissed Rooney three years ago, probably had the right answer when he said the trouble with Tyson was he believed the things people wrote and said about him.

"Sometimes, your greatest strength can be your greatest weakness," Bright, when asked to explain that defeat, said. "Michael was sometimes deluded because he thought he could just go out there and use his power. The

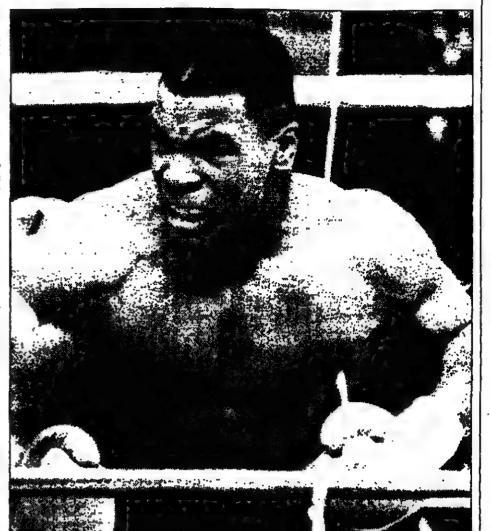
nique of boxing and even less whole world made Michael into Godzilla. They thought about disciplining men like all he had to do was look at an opponent and they'd be oulverised. No human being can live up to that image."

> Tyson neglected the basics in training. "It's the small things, not the big things, that make the difference between an ordinary fighter and a great fighter," Bright said. "Why should you do the small things when you've been getting away with it for

Perhaps that is also the explanation for his behaviour at the beauty show at Indianapolis. when he gave the contestants the "once over"; getting away with it for years. Perhaps, too, he thought he had only to look at them and they would jump into bed with him. He has to learn the basics of behaviour outside the ring.
The irony of his conviction

is that Tyson admired the uncompromising brutality of Tony Ayala, a tearaway lightmiddleweight. "Tony Ayala, wow! He's ferocious," he once told a friend. Ayala is now in Jersey State Prison doing 35 years for sexually assaulting a woman.

Having done six years, Ayala's observation on Tyson before the trial appears deeply relevant. "He needs to go into his history and find out how he relates to what is going on in the present," he said. "Like Mike Tyson, my problems didn't begin and end with the last incident. It was the culmination; a buildup, so to speak."



Hate and aggression: Tyson moves forward with a fearsome grimace

RUGBY UNION

Italy hold off late revival

DESPITE being without two of their key players, Ivan Francescato and Massimo Bonomi, the half backs, Italy survived a spirited Spanish revival to win a thrilling encounter in the Fira champ-

Italy were outscored by four tries to three in their 22-21 victory in the first division of the Continental competition, and could be grateful for the wayward goal-kicking of Miguel Sanchez, the Spanish stand-off half. He failed with all his conversion attempts bar one, and landed only one penalty out of five.

The kicking of his Italian counterpart, Diego Dominguez, was equally erratic, but the centre managed to drop a goal near the end of the first half, which had been dominated by Italy, to give his side a seemingly unassail-

able 18-point lead. In the second half, however, the concentration of the Italians slipped and the Spaniards scored two tries in succession through Altuna Azkargorta, early in the second half, and another two by

their inspired winger. Cecilia. Marcello Cuttitta, the Ital- ian. said: "Basically we played very well in the first half; it was good-quality rug-by. After half-time the players started to play individually in the old Italian fashion. They seemed to think they could score by just running at the Spanish. Well, it was a rude awakening, and thankfully

we won due to a late try by

Venturi." Cuttitta himself scored a try immediately after the kickoff, which was followed by another, scored by Troiani. who was playing at stand-off

The Italians have left Madrid for Tarbes, in France, where they take on France A on Saturday. This explains why France have announced a different side for their game against England B from the team which played against Scotland B ten days ago. All those players have been promoted to the France A side.

The game in Tarbes is going to be a different story for the Italians, Cuttitta believes."In a way it was better for us to win by one point than by 40 points, as it looked at some stage. We played for only 40 minutes. If we want to win against France, and we certainly want to, we will have to do that for 80 minutes. We are capable of beating the French and we are confi-

dent," he said. The Italian coach. Bertrand Fourcade, a Frenchman originally from Tarbes, is equally confident. "It was a good first half and also a good result. But then we started doing absurd things in the second half.

"It's a long cry from the good performance against Russia in November. Tarbes is my birthplace and we all want to do well. I believe that we can win," he said.

FOOTBALL

Albanians in a crisis

Tirana: Albanian football is reported to be suffering a crisis with scores of players leaving the country, headed for Turkish, Greek and Romanian clubs, according to the national team coach, Bejkush Birce.

We are hardly able to play out the championships," Bires said. He said most first division teams were fielding sides consisting mostly of reserves. Birce has attributed the blame on Albania's postcommunist economic crisis which has left the country strapped for cash and dependent on humanitarian aid to feed its three million people.

"This is a national haemorrhage which has affected football as well," Birce said. He said most Albanian clubs had lost players to clubs abroad, but the home clubs had received nothing from the transfers which had been organized either privately or through sports management entrepeneurs in foreign countries.

"Greek, Romanian and Turkish clubs have not yet paid us," the coach said. He made special reference to two players from the Tirana club, 17 Nentori - Florian Riza and Krenar Alimehmeti who are now playing for the Turkish side Turkins Adana.

We have appealed to Uefa, European football's governing body, but have received no help until now," Birce said, adding that foreign clubs were also not abiding by the practice of allowing Albanian players to return home to play in the national side should they be selected. "They

FOOTBALL

(the foreign clubs) should be fined, but we are powerless to do anything about it," the coach, aged 50, complained. Emin Barce, economic sec-

retary of the Albanian Sports Committee, a government body which still controls sports clubs, said he was pessimistic about the chances of the situation improving this

A major problem is that clubs still at least officially come under the central go ernment and have as yet received no powers of autonomy. Following the practice common in other former communist countries, players still officially "work" for either a government body or a state-run factory, but in reality are free to pursue their sporting careers.

The secretary of the Albanian Football Association, Fatmir Frasheri, has also estimated a loss of sponsorship revenue to the federation of around \$250,000 as a result of the cancelled European Championships qualifier with Spain last year. He said an approach had been made to Uefa about compensation for the cancellation but it had not replied to the request.

The Spanish national side opted not to play in the Albanian capital, citing political instability.

☐ The Portsmouth manager, Jim Smith, has taken two Polish internationals on a week's trial in a bld to boost his club's faltering promotion challenge. The pair, both midfield players, are Michael Gebura, aged 27, from Lech Poznan, and Leszek Pisz, 25,

of Legia Warsaw. The players are training at Fratton Park while Smith considers wheth-

☐ Dutch football officials have settled their battle for the services of coach Johan Cruyff with Barcelona. The **Dutch Football Association** wanted Cruyff to guide their World Cup qualifying campaign from next year but Barcelona have won the right to retain him an extra season.

Cruyff will now take the helm during the 1994 finals - providing they qualify from the same group as England. Dick Advocant, the national team assistant will take over in the meantime from Rinus Michels after this summer's European Championship finals.

☐ Brussels: The Nigerian international, John Esin Etim. tested positive for banned amphetamines after a Belgian first division match involving his club, Lierse, last November. Both samples revealed traces of amphetamines. Etim will probably be suspended. Amsterdam: The former

England manager, Bobby Robson, was taken to hospital yesterday with an intestinal complaint. The PSV Eindhoven coach.

aged 58, may have to undergo surgery, but is expected to resume his duties in three to four weeks. His assistant, the former Danish international, Frank Arnesen, will be in charge of the Dutch champions during Robson's absence. Robson will leave PSV in June when his two-year contract expires.

BOXING

Barrett to meet the third man

PAT Barrett, robbed of a vadore Yanez, has been lined

Mancunian. If a deal with Yanez is reached, the British Boxing Board of Control will need to approve the contest.

Barrett was paired in a tentivity for almost 21 months. The French authorities also

as possible opponents.
Dennie Mancini, the agent, also drew blanks in Angel Hernandez.

☐ The promoter, Mickey

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WBO welterweight title chall-enge this week, met with more frustration yesterday. The substitute, Tek Nkalankete, has also been pulled out of tonight's bout at Wembley's Grand Hall so a German-based Chilean, Sal-

Gary Jacobs can dispose of Del Bryan next week. The Glaswegian, Jacobs, meets the holder, Bryan, for the British weiterweight championship at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre

round meeting with Nkal-ankete after the WBO champion from Ohio, Manning Galloway, withdrew from his title defence with a wrist injury. But the French Federation have banned the former European champion, Nkalenkete, from meeting Barrett because of his inac-

vetoed Karim Rabbi and the EBU 11th-rated Faouzi Hattab, loser of one of 15 bouts, when they were sounded out

Italy, Belgium, Holland and Spain in the effort to give Barrett a night's work after all his hard training before Yanez emerged. Yanez had three of his 23 contests (19 wins) in 1991, and in his last bout, lost to the useful IBF inter-continental champion,

Duff, yesterday promised Scotland another world title bout in the near future - if

Duff is so enthusiastic about the prospects for the

Scot that he is already talking about a shot at the WBC title.Duff's last promotion in Scotland was Jim Watt's successful contest against Howard Davis at Ibrox 1) years ago. Since then, the boxing scene north of the border had been quiet until the emergence of Pat Clinton, who next month fights for the WBO flyweight crown.

"It's good to see a world title fight in Scotland again." said Duff. "I promoted the last one with Jim Watt and I want to promote the next one with Gary Jacobs."

Jacobs and Nottingham's Bryan met four years ago this month — also in Glasgow when the Scot won. However, after claiming the Common-wealth and WBC International titles. Jacobs' fortunes have waned.

Duff said: "Gary can go on to considerably greater heights. I would like to see Gary fight American Maurice Blocker for the WBC welterweight crown, with Pat Barrett, winning the WBO IN BRIEF

Runaway victory

planned European bantamweight title bout has been delayed for a third time this WBC international champion, from Glasgow, was twice scheduled to face the leading contender Johnny Bredahl, crown, but the Scandinavian has had sponsorship problems and the meeting will have to wait for at least another month

15-year-old qualifier from Van Buuren, of The Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2.

TENNIS

Edberg struggles for first-round victory

Brussels: Stefan Edberg, who aims to regain the world No. 1 ranking from Jim Courier, had an unconvincing win over Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, in the first round of the Belgian indoor tournament

The Swede, a wild card entry but the top seed, struggled with his volley strokes and returns of service before prevailing 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Edberg, who meets Jan Siemerink, of The Netherlands, in the second round. lost the No. 1 ranking to Courier, of the United States, last week. Courier, seeded second in the \$800,000 event, plays his first-round match against Fabrice Santoro. of France,

today.
ATP tour officials said Edberg needed to reach the final if he was to stand a chance of reclaiming the No. 1 spot. If Edoerg beat Courier in the final, the Swede would still not be sure of leapfrogging to the top. All would depend on bonus points accumulated in previ-

ous rounds. Edberg said it took him a got nothing to lose."

while yesterday to adjust to the surface. "I had a few problems to find the timing. he said. "But I thought

Bruguera played quite well." Patrick McEnroe, of the United States, relied on his superior service to beat last year's runner-up, Andrei Cherkasov, of the CIS, 6-4, 7-McEnroe, who reached the semi-finals of last year's Australian Open, moved up a gear when trailing 4-1 in the first set, to win the next seven games. He then held on to

win the tie-break, 7-4. Siemerink earned his meeting with Edberg by beating Arnaud Boetsch, of France.

6-3, 7-6. Eduardo Masso, a Belgian qualifier, overwhelmed Thierry Champion, of France, 6-2. 6-1 to set up a second-round tie with Karei Novacek, of Czechoslovakia.

Novacek beat Masso 6-3. 6-2 in last month's Davis Cup tie between Czechoslovakia and Belgium. "But I stand a better chance here," Masso said. "I've already played four matches on this surface. I've

FOR THE RECORD

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Depenham 0, Yeading 2.
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ATHLETICS

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CHICKET

RED STRIPE CUP (final day): Bridgetown: Leeward Islands 246 and 175:
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B Lambert 125, R A Happer 74), Guyana
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Simmons 57; C A Walsh 6-52).
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Wigtern 4-36, D Graveney 4-39); Durham
32-0.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreel

SNOOKER NEWPORT: Regal Weish Open: Sixth round: D Morgan (Wales) bi C Wilson (Wales). 5-1 Frame scores (Morgan first) 17-58. 84-58. 5-122. 85-25. 79-30. 53-31; W Thome (Eng) bt D Teylor (N ke) 5-2. Frame scores (Thome first) 41-42, 95-21, 58-50, 88-19, 65-36, 80-71, 70-9

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TENNIS

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6-1; M Werder (US), bt A Keller (US), 6-4
6-1; M Sofegard (Neth) bt M De Swardt
(SA), 6-2, 6-7, R Hursh (Japan) bt A Minter
(Aut), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, R Ferbank-Nédefler
(US) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-4; L
McNell (US) bt E Remech (SA), 6-4, 6-2; L
Highwey-Wild (US) bt T Whitisager (US), 6-1,

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AMERICAN MEMPHIS INTERNATIO

VALDCHALL INDOOR TRIOPHY; Men: Fourth round: Topspin Durlington 0, bitsy 3; Metchpoint Bramhall 3, Wrexham 0, David Lloyd Finchley 3, Conseught Caub London 0, David Lloyd Slazzonger Hession 3, Carifon London 0; Centrecourt Cardinate Basingstoka 2, Europa Southington 0 Women: Third round-Natiamshine Sheffield 2, Termis World Middlesbrough 1, Conseught Club London 2, Welling Spin 0, Waffon Indoor 0, Riverside Chiswick 3, Bourne Club Farriham 0, Chris Laise Worlding 3; David Lloyd Finchley 0, Middlesex Polytechine 3; Queen's Club 2, Globe Hampstead 1, Centrecourt Besingstoke 1, Team Excel Bath 2, Europa Southampton 0, Alverticke Gospel 3,

AMERICAN MEMPHIS INTERNATION
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Kuhnen (Ger), 6-4, 6-7, 7-8, IK Curren (US)
bt P Doohan (Aus), 8-2, 6-4; S Stolle (Aus)
bt J Krisk (US), 8-3, 8-4; bt Schapers
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Connell (Can) bt L Jonsson (Swel), 4-6, 63, 7-5, P Saur (Ger) bt R Purlen (#), 2-6, 76 6-1, T Witsken (US) bt R Agenor (Haut),
2-6, 7-6, 7-6, 8-A Mansclorf (ar) bt R Gélbert
(Fr), 6-4, 6-8, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt C
Ausens (US), 7-6, 7-6; T Martin (US) bt M
Woodforde (Aus), 7-6, 5-7, 6-3

ATP MONEY WINNERS: 1. J Courier (US), \$299.610. 2. S Edberg (Swet, \$141.735, 3, M Stich (Ger), \$122.365, 4. P Sampras (US), \$82.253, 5, B Becker (Ger), \$89.570. 5, 1 Lend (Cz), \$99.455, 7, 6 Forget (Fr), \$92.796, 8. E Sanchez (Sp), \$78.425, 9. P Kords (Cz), \$86.630, 10, G Ivanisevic (Croste), \$47.450 WTA Rankings: 1, M Selec (Yug), 2, 8 Graf (Ger), 3, G Sabathri (Arg.; 4, M Havralikova (US), 5, A Sanchez-Viceno (Bo), 6, J Caprieli (US); 7, M J Fernlandez (US), 8, M Malserva-Fragniere (Switz); 9, C Mertinez (Sp), 10, J Novotna (Cz).

Rolf Golz, of Germany, won the first stage of the Mediterranean Tour cycle race, the 154 kilometres from Perpignan to Beziers, yesterday. He finished an 22min 47sec ahead of Giovanni Fidanza, of Italy.

Bout postponed

Bxoing: Donnie Hood's

Rankings upset

Tennis: Lizzie Jelfs and Jane Wood upset the rankings to move into the quarter-finals of the LTA women's satellite at Swindon yesterday. Jelfs, a Banbury, knocked out Loredana Bujor, from Roamnia, 6-4, 6-1, while Wood, aged 23, from Enfield, ousted the No. 7 seed, Amy

High hopes

Racing: Flight Lieutenant, Philip Mitchell's American triple crown entry, should open his account, under Bruce Raymond, in the E5.000 Prix du Logis du Pin over a mile at Cagnes-sur-Mer in the south of France

SHOW REPORTS SWITZERLAND (Good conditions with plenty of powder; all lifts operating) 140 200 good open cloud (Super powder skiing with all 29 lifts operating) FRANCE . 85 250 Montgenevie 50 100 feir open cloud (Some lower runs difficult; best siding at Col de L'Alpet) AUSTRIA 30 155 Zell am See 85 170 good open part cloud (Good skiing on well prepared pistes) Courmeyeur 130 140 good open cloud -1 (Light powder layer on firm base; 26 lifts and 25 pistes open) 60 130 good open sun (Good skiing with 40 liths and 55 nuns open) UNITED STATES 90 good open (Fresh enow softening pistee)

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Athletes' doping controversy continues

Official calls for Krabbe to miss Olympic Games

A GERMAN sports official has entered the controversy surrounding the alleged dope-testing irregularities by Katrin Krabbe and two other leading German athletes. Hans Evers, doping official for the German sports federation (DSB), said in Cologne yesterday they should not be selected for the Barcelona

Evers suggested in a radio interview that Krabbe, the 100 and 200 metres world champion, Grit Breuer and Silke Möller could be dropped from the team rather than banned from competing. Asked if he was calling for the three not to be nominated for the Olympics, he replied: "It's a question of nomination, that's right. One must differentiate between banning and ... not

nominating."
Evers said he believed the urine samples provided by the three at a meeting in South Africa had been tampered with. But he said it was un clear how the DSB would deal with the matter.

Krabbe, Breuer and Möller were suspended on Friday after doping experts in South Africa said the samples were suspicious. The ban was later lifted and the three ran in the German championships at

ALDERSHOT's survival

prospects improved yesterday

when their El million debt

was reduced by a third after

the directors agreed to waive

all financial claims against

Steve Birley, the club secre-

tary, said: "This is a magnifi-

cent gesture. We are not out

of the woods yet, but we now

have a real lighting chance."

Aldershot were widely ex-

pected to go out of business

after last night's fourth divi-

sion match at home to Gil-

lingham, but there is now real

hope that the club offers a

sufficiently attractive proposi-

the fourth division club.

eration (DLV) ordered an in-vestigation after a second specialist, Dr Manfred Donike, said all three samples had been provided by the

Krabbe, though, has been left out of the German team to take part in the European indoor championships in Genoa between February 28 and March I. Breuer, however, was named for the 200

Krabbe has insisted she is innocent. She told the newspaper, Bild: "I didn't take anything. I did not tamper with anything. I am innocent and am not going to let my-self be punished for some-thing I did not do."

Asked who might have an interest in altering the results of her tests, she said: "The number of people in the west who feel envy is very large. Because of the past, we East Germans are going to have to live with these suspicions until the end of our careers."

In the interview, released ahead of publication today, she said she did not know whether there had been sabotage but believed anything was possible. "I will show them all," she said when asked about her career prospects. "I will be even faster than last year."

Directors aid Aldershot

tion to persuade someone to

Birley said: "This move is

seen as an opening of the

door to anybody who wishes

to put money into the com-

pany. The present directors

do not want to be obstructive

to new investors and will

Steve Banks, a director of

Aldershot, said: "I have spo-

ken with and agreed with all

the present directors. It seems

the very least we can do and

while people can ill-afford to

write off sums of money, it is

"While previous generosity

important the club survives.

stand down from the board."

step in and rescue them.

Sergei Bubka and Heike Henkel, both fell short in attempts to break their own world indoor records at an international meeting held

Bubka, who set world records in Osaka in 1986, 1987 and 1989, went into the pole vault competition confident of a new best of 6.13 metres, one centimetre higher than his record set in Grenoble, France, last year.

Bubka easily cleared both 5.70 metres and then 5.90 with his first attempts. He then raised the bar to 6.13 but falled to get over, despite noisy support from the crowd. Henkel, who set her worn-

en's high jump record of 2.07 metres in Karisruhe, Germany, on Saturday, beat her rival, Stefka Kostadinova, of Bulgaria, with the bar at 2.03 metres. The German, aged 27. then tried but failed to clear 2.08. Frankie Predericks, the 200 metres silver medal winner at last year's world championships in Tokyo, upset the 100 metres bronze medal winner, Dennis Mitchell, to win the 60 metres

His time of 6.53sec, a per sonal best, was 0.08sec out-side the indoor world record set by Andre Cason in Ghent, Belgium, last month.

and help must not be ignored by the club. I would call for

any other creditors and loan

holders to take similar action

in order for Aldershot to con-

tinue. Aldershot has immense

vestors will be made aware."

dub's proposed administra-

tors, last week told the 65-

year-old dub that it was

insolvent and trading illegal-

ly. The players have not been

paid for more than six weeks

- a repeat of the scenario two

years ago when they went ten

weeks without salary cheques

and the club's bank ac-

counts have been frozen by

£25,000 to pay the players," Birley said. Once their wages

have been met, Aldershot will

then have to find £150,000

owed to the Inland Revenue.

It will have to be available by

March 18, when they face a

Doncaster Rovers, them-selves deeply in debt, offered

to help with Aldershot's travel

costs to the fourth division

match on Saturday. "They

intimated they would be will-

ing to help us get up there," Birley said.

Only two clubs have with-

drawn from the Football

League in mid-season. They

were Wigan Borough, which

sunk in October 1931 with

debts of £20,000, and Ac-

crington Stanley, which owed

The 18 senior Aldershot

players have been training at

home since last week because

they cannot afford the petrol

to drive to the Recreation

Ground on a daily basis, and

most have visited their banks

and building societies in

order to arrange loans.

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Champion in the making: Josef Polig makes a colourful sight on the descent to his first medal, an Olympic gold, in the men's combined at Val d'Isère. The holder, Hubert Strokz, skidded off course. Games reports, page 30. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Lewis may be winner in the Tyson saga

BY SPLIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of the world. heavyweight boxing championship returning to Britain this year, after 93 years, looks distinctly brighter after Mike Tyson's conviction for rape.
With Tyson effectively out

of the world rankings, Lennox Lewis, the British and European champion, who is No. 3 in the ratings, hopes to challenge Evander Holyfield, the world champion, in late summer. Lew-is's commercial manager. Roger Levitt, flew to New with Seth Abraham, the head of Time-Warner Sports, the parent company of HBO, the United States

biggest cable channel. Levitt said before leaving: "If Tyson is convicted, Lewis will have one major fight around June, against Foreman, Mercer, Holmes or Witherspoon, to encourage pay-per-view in America and then challenge Holy-field for the world title later this year. Lewis is keen to have a fight to leave the American public with a

good impression." Lewis was not impressive in outpointing Levi Billups earlier this month but he looked good against Tyrell Biggs. After seeing Holy-field in trouble against Bert Cooper on the same bill in Atlanta, he believes he can

pull it off. Levitt is also likely to have talks with Holfield's managers, Dan and Lou Duva. who are planning for their hoxer to meet Riddick Bowe in April and Holmes or Foreman in May or June. Lou Duva said Holyfield would have no regrets if he never met Mike Tyson in the ring. Holyfield and Tyson were due to meet last November, but that bout was called off after Tyson

suffered a rib injury.
The court verdict just means that Mike Tyson's fans won't be able to see him fight for a while", said Duva, who spent much of last year fighting off a move by Don King, Tyson's man-ager, and the World Boxing Council (WBC) to strip Holyfield of the WBC crown for not defending against Tyson first, after lifting the title from James "Buster"

The WBC and the World Boxing Association (WBA) have not decided Tyson's position as the No. 1 chal-lenger. The WBC has can-vassed the views of its members but the vice-president, Eduardo Lamazon, said yesterday from Mexico any official position today. We are waiting to see what happens on March 6 in the appeal. After that the committee will have to meet to discuss the position."

However, the WBA's legal adviser, James Binns, said that, most probably, Tyson would be removed from the ratings as soon as the executive committee meet. "It does not matter that he is appealing. It could go on for months. The judge could even revoke his bail and keep him in jail."

Regardless of what the world's boxing bodies de-cide, it is unlikely that Tyson will be able to box anywhere in the United States. The influential Nevada State Athletic Commision has already suspended his licence. If his appeals fails, the li-cence will be revoked. Luther Mack, the chairman of



Lewis: title hope

the commission, expects. other state organisations to do the same.

'At this point he would not be allowed to box." Mack said. "Even if he is successful in his appeal, the board would have to look very carefully at his applica-tion. According to our rules a boxer must not bring the the sport into disrepute. Las Vegas is the boxing capital of the world. We have to

dean up the sport."

Mack said that while he had not talked to Randy Tyson's home body, the New York State Athletic Commission, he believed that Gordon would also take the same view. Gordon was not available for comment yesterday.

King's position in the

world heavyweight scene has been weakened. But the man, who had a controlling hand from when he first promoted George Foreman and Muhammad Ali in Zaire in 1974 to when Tyson lost his title two years ago, is far from finished. He has Donovan "Razor" Ruddock boxing for him and the Canadian, who gave Tyson so much trouble, must be favoured to beat Holyfield. when given the chance...

All the castis appear to be

in the hands of King's rivals, the Duvas, at the moment, but the "only in America" man has taken the precaution of signing up as many leading heavy-weights as possible, including Oliver McCall, Greg Page, Tony Tucker, Bert Cooper, James "Bonecrusher" Smith and Francesco Damiani. This could make it difficult for contenders for Holyfield's title to get meaningful matches and even for Frank Bruno to find suitable name opponents to help him move up the ratings.

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Bennett's regrets are accepted by **New Zealand TV**

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

BOB Bennett, manager of England's cricket tour, last night defused one sensitive issue and prepared to con-front another. He issued regrets to the television company whose cameraman was involved in the fracas after David Lawrence's injury on Monday, and did not discount taking disciplinary ac-tion against his own team

manager, Micky Stewart.
The apology, couched in general terms, was issued in a head of sport at Television New Zealand. It referred to the widely-screened scenes in which Stewart abused a cameraman attempting to film close-ups of Lawrence, being stretchered off the Wellington pitch in agony.

Bennett's letter, drafted only after a day of telephone calls with the television company executives, said: "The England party very much regrets the events surrounding David's injury which have caused offence."

It adds: "It is not my role to apportion blame but I am sure that in the cold light of day, many of those involved would have acted with much greater restraint. The situawas extremely emotional."

Bennett later confirmed that he had spoken individually to Stewart and to two players, Jack Russell and Ian Botham.

He was still considering whether any disciplinary action was necessary. Russell is Lawrence's closhand all the way off the ground. So incensed was he by the cameraman's attentions that he pursued him. unwisely, up a flight of steps to stop him filming. Botham's involvement was purely

"We have contributed to some extent towards an unpleasant incident and for our part in it we are saying sorry." Bennett said later.

It was a fraught day for Bennett. On his first tour he has handled a delicate problem capably, though with hindsight he would have been better advised to make his peace with the television station on Monday evening.

Their builetins yesterday indicated they would pursue the matter, possibly legally, until they received an apology. When it finally arrived, after a lengthy facsimile breakdown here in Dunedin, Knowles issued his own statement accepting that the issue was closed.

There was no suggestion that Peter Burge, the match referee, intended to take the matter further.

Meanwhile, England had no selection problems for today's limited overs international at Carisbrook, only in . as much as they had only II fit men. From the 13 who travelled on from Wellington. DeFreitas and Fairbrother were both ruled out by niggling injuries.

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Gloucestershire's plans in disarray

BY MARTIN SEARBY

TONY Wright, the Gloucestershire captain, yesterday described the loss of David Lawrence for most of next season as "a nightmare", having laid plans for Lawrence and the West Indian, Courtney Walsh, to lead a revival in the county's cricket

"After all the years we have invested in David it is a major blow to know that, even by his optimistic expectations, he won't be available until mid-June," Wright said.

"He is is simply irreplaceable. We thought, with some confidence, that with a more mature Lawrence in partnership with Walsh we would have one of the best new-ball attacks in the country. No one can estimate the psychological damage that may have been done. I think it is fair to say the whole county is devastated by the news."

Gloucestershire have invested an immense amount of time and coaching in Law-rence, who in 1991 had his most effective season for the county and forced himself

Philip Robinson, the former Yorkshire batsman, has been told he has a strong case against the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for restraint of trade. Counsel's advice is that the board would have difficulty defending its system of listing players according to whether or not they have been offered COntracts.

back into the England side.

But before applying to the High Court for a writ, Robinson's solicitor. John Mewics, is to ask the TCCB to review the situation which has the middle-order batsman as a list one player.
"The object is to gain free-

dom for Phil Robinson, not to embarrass the TCCB." Mewies said. "We have given notice of appeal against their decision but if that fails, or is ignored, we will certainly go ahead with the writ. Leading counsel has told us we have a good case with which to challenge the system."

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Rugby tour plan for Old Trafford

SUCKY CORRESPONDENT

IF THE proposed four-match visit to England by South Africa's rugby union team next season reaches fruition, there is every prospect of one of their matches being played at a football stadium. The Northern Division, who have already investigated the possibility of playing the 1993 New Zealand touring side at Old Trafford, are considering Manchester United's ground as a possible venue next

The prospective fixtures for the South Africans, though they have yet to be confirmed. would give each division of England a game: London

would host the international on November 14 and the South-West the B international, leaving the North and the Midlands as the other

Each division would be able to capitalise on the surge of interest in the game after the World Cup. In the case of the North, whose top games have of late gone to Otley (capacity 6,800), a football stadium would enable them to accommodate a far larger crowd while emphasising the absence of a natural rugby centre for the region.

Several months ago the divisional committee approached Martin Edwards, Manchester United's chairman, to sound out the possibility of playing the All Blacks at Old Trafford, and were encouraged by the response. At the same time a sub-committee has been appointed to investigate a potential centre of excellence for the division. "At the moment we're not

competing with rugby league on an equal footing." John Burgess, the North's chairman, said. They have the big grounds, particularly Wigan and Leeds. We need a successful divisional side and a ground as a focal point."

A planned tour to Namibia and Zimbabwe in August will help develop a competitive team, and a sub-committee has talked to the management of the Don Valley athletposed Headingley-Roundhay merger, whose ambition is to create a new Leeds club at a purpose built stadium. Burgess conceded the "probability" of putting a divisional match against the South Africans bute a football stadium: "I'm concerned

about putting northern play-

and those involved in the pro-

ers in the shop window," he said. "We have lost players to clubs in the south, not only because they are looking for jobs, but because they want to play for England. They don't believe they will get recognition if they stay in the north."

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To rent or buy: which gives better value now?

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Come, friendly bombs.

With the Marsham Street towers condemned to dust by Michael Heseltine last week, Marcus Binney fixes his sights on other architectural eyesores that deserve a similar fate

ith typical flamboyance, Michael Heseltine — having announced the demolltion of the Department of the Environment building — has invited us all to play the game of "Come, friendly bombs..." — redirecting John Betjeman's wrath from Slough to the grotesque concrete monsters in London that most urgently deserve a dynamite, exit. I began my awful odyssey on the Thames, approaching from the west, and thus saving the best (that is, the worst) for last.

First I would remove the brutal

angular towers that loom over Worlds End in Chelsea. Then I would target the blocks that stand guard so uninspiringly at the north end of Vauxhall Bridge, followed by the whole row of faceless Sixties slabs opposite the Tate Gallery, pinpointing with special accuracy the hideous redilled Doulton House at the south end of Lambeth Bridge. It is possibly more clumsily joined to its neighbour than any building.

possibly more clumsily joined to its neighbour than any building.
Next, I would flatten the outsize modern block of St Thomas's Hospital by Westminster Bridge, which has as much character as a giant polystyrene packing case. This would allow us to reinstate the role of seven Victorian pavilions which originally stood there, as handsomely as a series of palaces on the Grand Canal.

Time has not mellowed the clumsy silhouette of the Shell Centre, the architectural equivalent of a huge television in a reproveneer cabinet. It would crumple in my Brave New World, and be followed by the Hayward Gallery. The National Theatre can stay, but I would reserve a vast bag of flour to restore the pristine white-

ness to its stained concrete walls. I would be tempted to take a shot at the anaemic slab of the Howard Hotel. Opposite, the bloated block of Sea Containers House would certainly collapse into dust, even though the present river-front, complete with giant gold globes, is an improvement on the unfinished hotel carcass that stood here for many years.

t London Bridge; the Guy's Hospital tower would have to go. Across the river the giant cash register known as Mondial House would vanish in an instant. Sir Norman Foster's heliport, daringly cantilevered out over the Thames, would have disguised it, but was rejected by Heseltine.

Now I would be approaching a favourite target: the Tower Hotel at St Katharine's Dock. Here, the pleasure of destruction would be heightened by the thrilf of revenge. This biliously coloured shambles of a building would instantly become a pillar of smoke, expiating the needless destruction of the magnificent series of Georgian dock warehouses that Thomas Telford, the great engineer, built here in the 1820s.

Other targets are even more obvious. I would gratefully sign a death warrant on the towers around the royal parks, the milk-carton of the Knightsbridge Barracks, the matchbox of the Royal Lancaster, the cardboard souffle of the Home Office with its bulging top looming over St James's Park. Baker Street I would transform with relish, levelling the series of

anodyne headquarters erected by the likes of Marks & Spencer and Abbey National. In Knightsbridge, Bowater House would be

exterminated, and I would contin-

ue by rocketing the Danish Em-

bassy in Sloane Street.

Now to Hyde Park Corner, to rub out the Inter-Continental Hotel which destroys the scale of Piccadilly and Apsley House. I would circle over St James's and fly up Victoria Street, aiming missiles at the banal boxes of the Department of Trade and Industry and New Scotland Yard. Nor would I spare the piles of eggboxes on either side of Westminster Cathedral, which for a while were

an exciting novelty.

The great blocks looming over the south side of Cavendish Square — and thus dominating Oxford Circus — would go, as would the ugly slab behind the BBC which ruins the view of Nash's All Souls Church in Langham Place. I would press the firing button with special relish on the odious telephone exchange next to Bow Street police station.

next to Bow Street police station.
Why are buildings like this so detestable? Because, like the great slabs in Victoria Street, they were built on the assumption that all their older neighbours would come down. According to this brutal logic, there was no need to consider the context or attempt to tharmonise with the character of the area: Once the blood is up, the temptation is to condemn every

high-rise block in London. Whatever the intrinsic merits of a select view, they have done infinite damage to almost every area of the

As is often said, London is a collection of villages. It has retained that feeling—despite all the pressures brought about by modern traffic and development—because so many parts of London are inward-looking enclaves where the onlooker can easily be quite unconscious of the rest of the city. Just one tower block, looming above the (much more acceptable) horizon of shops and houses in the immediate vicinity, can destroy this sense of an oasis. And the particular tragedy of London is that so many towers stand as single entities: there is no single high-rise area, as in an American

city's "downtown".

Moreover, compared with the typical American downtown cluster of skyscrapers, London's towers are a miserable collection, almost all flat-topped. flat-sided, without any attempt at dramatic massing or silhouette. Canary Wharf at least has the merit of a distinctive pyramid top. The mirror glass which makes skyscrapers in sunnier climes so sleek also loses its allure in the soft London light.

Do any of London's towers deserve a reprieve? The Economist block in St James's already has a Grade II listing, rating it outstanding. But while it is undoubtedly a very clever solution to a tight urban site, its elevations are singularly joyless. Centrepoint, now its original notoriety has receded, has a growing band of followers, not least because floodlighting makes it so effective at night. What is appealing and unusual is the way the architect has introduced movement, with gently curving sides, indented ends, and zig-zag mullions like basketweave.

he Milibank Tower with its concave façades has a jewel-like elegance in certain lights. Even the Hilton Hotel is beginning to have a nostalgic period feel, like the fins of a Fifties Chevrolet. But the best tower by far is Commercial Union in the City, the one building in London that approaches the soaring height and elegance of New

York's Seagram.

Even before Heseltine condemned Marsham Street, tower housing blocks were being regularly blown up by local authorities. But in central London the likelihood is that, if condemned, the

towers would be sold to developers for conversion as private apartments. Few owners would accept the potential loss of floor space represented by lower buildings. The Marsham Street site is, at any rate, a relatively rare case in central London: it has enough open space around to make it possible to house the same offices.

in conventional buildings along

the street frontages.

The alternative is recladding — most obviously displayed on the shiny glass blocks beside Chiswick flyover. This kind of superficial glitz infuriates many architects and critics. But like the Observer building south of Chelsea Bridge it brightens up the City dramatically. More sophisticated recladding has transformed that Sixties slab: the Euston Tower. It now has the ultra-cool, all white, high-tech look of a luxury liner, with an elegant bowed frumt.

The need is to single out individual eyesores; this should be done in the new local plans which every London borough now has to draw up. It can be achieved without damaging the commercial life of London. Terry Farrel's Embankment Place, over Charing Cross station, has shown it is possible to build large buildings on sensitive sites which positively enhance the skyline.

At present, the most protected view in London is that of the dome of St Paul's Cathedral from King Henry's Mount in Richmond Park. Yet on many days the dome is barely visible without a telescope. All credit to those who jealously guard it, but let us have a Bill protecting the other fine vistas in London, beginning with the river, the royal parks and Hampstead Heath. Michael Heseltine has demonstrated the political capital to be made from taking the axe to London's eyesores. Time to be brutal with the

Clockwise from the left: the Department of Trade and Industry, the Intercontinental Hotel, the Royal Lancaster Hotel, the Home Office, the Knightsbridge Barracks and the Telephone

Lumme, was I really counting sprouts?

alone. I sometimes remember it late at night, and get so nervous that I chew the edge of the duvet. Invited to a friend's house for dinner, it seems, this man behaved in a perfectly normal, outgoing manner until the moment attention turned to the serving of Brussels sprouts — when he suddenly got strangely serious.

One, two, three," he said to himself, as he carefully ladled the steaming veggies onto his plate. 'Ha ha. oh yes. Four, five, six. seven." The hosts swapped glances, and shifted uncomfortably in their seats. "More sprouts, John?" asked the hostess, after a pause. At which their guest made a loud scoffing noise and stood up. violently pushing back his chair so that it rucked up the carpet. "Look," he said, "I've got seven sprouts. And forgive me for having two strong sturdy legs to stand on. but seven sprouts is the number of sprouts I always have."

No doubt there are many married people, too, who have strong feelings on the subject of sprouts. One recalls those famous cases of men murdering their wives (and getting off with a light fine and a reprimand) for serving up the incorrect number of roasties, or

putting the cruet on the wrong place-mat. But it is sitting alone in the evening, I am sure, that encourages crankiness: start out with a harmless little tendency towards obsessive-compulsive behaviour, and within a few months of single life you are not only talking to the characters in Brookside but also getting dogmatic about vegetable-consumption and forming advanced crackpot theories on the nature of evil. Since nobody contradicts you (and the goldfish doesn't care) you easily convince yourself that you are "on the right lines".

Take the chap I met recently in a Pasadena cake shop. He seemed normal enough: just a bit overkeen for a chat. But then he mentioned that during his solitary hours he had given a lot of thought to the identity of the Antichrist, and had finally settled conclusively on Richard Branson. Everything pointed to it, he said. There's none so blind as those who will not see, etcetera. I thought he was joking, but it gradually dawned on me that he wasn't, and that moreover he was positioned between me and

"Set in your ways" — that's what they call it when single people start getting things out of proportion. "Don't get set in your ways." It Lynne Truss on

Lynne Truss on obsessions springing from solitude



means: don't use a protractor when setting the coffee table at an angle to the wall; don't attach so much importance to changing the date on your kitchen calendar that you scoot home from work mid-thorning to check you've done it. The image conjured up is of a stupid-looking prehistoric animal sinking in mud and muttering. "Actually, I always buy the Radio Times on a Wednesday" and "I

asked for a kitchen towel, and she bought me yellow".

bought me yellow".

One need only spend half an hour in a supermarket to see where "getting set in your ways" can ultimately lead. There is a strange urban myth which says that in supermarkets single people strike up impromptu chais over the rindless streaky in the hope of finding a potential mate. In reality, however, they are more likely to start the conversation because rindless streaky has been occupy-

ing their thoughts in the evenings. The trouble, of course, is to recognise when one's own reasonable preferences and quaint pet theories (attained through a painstaking process of trial and error) turn into pig-headed fixed ideas, or even dangerous obsessions. At what point does it "get out of hand"? I have a masty suspicion that it is a phenomenon you can never observe in your own behaviour—one of those clever irregular verbs that invariably declines: I have rules about things; You are

set in your ways; He thinks Richard Branson is the Antichrist.

I am assuming, I suppose, that a sane live in partner prevents the escalation of this behaviour—rather as he might helpfully point out that your clothes are thick with cat-hair or that there is tooth-paste

up your nostrils. But is it worth taking on a live-in partner just for this function? I can't believe it is. Perhaps, instead, there ought to be some tall, supernatural protector for single people (along the lines of Superman) who could spot a burgeoning obsession with his X-ray vision and wooosh into our homes (with a fanfare) to prevent it from getting a grip.

Thus, just as you were preparing your solitary dinner and thinking "I don't know. Eight sprouts seems too many, yet sks sprouts seems too few", he would suddenly appear at your side and dash the whole bag to the ground, releasing you from their terrible influence. "A close call," he twinkles (with arms akimbo and a smile reminiscent of Richard Branson's), "Lumme," you say, "was I really counting sprouts?" "It's all over now," he chuckles, patting you on the shoulder. "Just don't let it happen again, you hear?"

happen again, you hear?"

And as he turns horizontal and flies off through the kitchen door with a cheery salute, you slide down the wall to a sitting position and think — with ample justification — "I wonder if I'm spending too much time on my own?".

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RAPHAEL REDISCOVERED:
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and on ahow with other Rephasis of the same period. National Gallery, Trafelgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321), Mon-Set, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, apena today aatii March 29,

KONIGSKINDER; Mark Elder conducts English National Opera in David Pountney's new, warm production of the Engelbert Humperdinck fairytale open elemetively titled The Prince and the Goosephi. Fine made and the Goosephi. Fine performances from Certifyn Pope as the Goosephi, airiging oppositie Joseph Evens as the Prince. anting slage sets by Sue Blane. Sum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-838 3161), 7pm.

ROYAL OPERA: Last per this season of Mozert's Le Nozze d Figaro in Johannes Schar rigate in Johannes Geriaer, production. The cast includes Judith Howarth, Gwynnis Howelf and Robert Tear. Jeffrey Tate conducts. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1988/1911), 7pm. ERIC CLAPTON: The version reclair begins his residency at the mother-of-

☐ "ALLO" ALLO: The hit sings version of the television show is back as a first of sector (sterring the original clast). Dominion, Tottenhem Court Road, W1 (971-560 SeC), Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

☐ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobl and Robert Lindsey from Denix, Jacob and Hobert Lincises in Anculin's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry Theatre Royal, Haymarket, \$M1 (071-300 8800), Mon-Sat, 7-20pm, mass Wa-Sat, 3pm, 166mms.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Addwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404) Mon-Fri, 7:30pm, Set, 8pm, mate Wed, 2:30pm, Set, 4pm, 150mins.

Zi DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Friet's Citivat Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal, Gerrick, Chenng Crose Road, WC2. (071-484 5085). Mon-Sat, Sprn, mate There, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droil look at the liminalist of a woman married to a

secos rest. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Trure, Spnt, Frt, Set, Spen and 8,48pm. 150mins.

III FAITH HEALER: Serring performances in Scient Frief's early play flour monologues) exploring a basiler's doubts and aporacic powers. Royal Court, Sloane Squera, SWI (071-730 1745). Mon-Set, Span, sent Set, 4pm. 205mins. Final week. ET THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry

Foster is obsessed with making an iris millionairs (Torry Doyle) into the new Gigd in Torn Murphy's powerful fable. Almelda, Almelda Street, N1 (071-359 4401). Mon-Sat, Spra, mat Sat, 4pm.

OCCORDORN' TONITE Satisfying musical calebrating Pittles and Sidies pop classics. Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thure, Spm, Fri, Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 215mine.

NEW RELEASES DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (16); Sam had as an againg some 's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental murder. Tasty black comedy from new

FOR THE BOYS (15): Song-anddence team entertain troops in three wars, only to be ruined by a synthetic script. With Batte Midler, Jessee Casciller, Mark Rydell.
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Cannons: Fatham Road (071-876 2836) Oxford Street (071-836 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3861).

URBA (PG): Nikita Mikhelkov's resemensing film about chilisation encreaching on the Mongolian steppes. The top prizewinner at last year's Versice Film Festival Curxon Mayteir (071-465 8665).

LEB VALSEUSES (18): Gerard Departies and Patrick Deveses in 1974, as two lade with idle hands. Timely reswel of Bertrand Sfer's ferocloss,

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 THE ADDAMB FAMILY (PG): Tasty feast of black humour, suppred by the 1980s TV spin-off from Charles Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Burry

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BLACK PCSE (15): Seventeenth. century Jesuit (Lotheire Burleau) tries to convert Indians in northern Quebec. bgent epic from Brian Moore's st. Director, Bruce Berestard. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Placa TODAY 5 BYENTS

A daily guide to arts and intertainment compiled by Karl Knight

all-venues until February 28. Clepton plays bracks from his recent five abus 24 Nights, with a respectable line-up including gutter player Andy Feirweather Low. Albert Hall, Keneington Gore, London SW7 (07:-823 9998), 7,30pm.

ADZIDO: The Pan African dance published the Para American district enaminish presents the London premiere of its latest work, Siye Geli, which means "we are going to Johannesburg — the City of Gold". The work re-enacts the ancestral "Foast of Petum", a time when the dead and bankshed come back to recount their past. The show features a cast of over 30 denoers and disammers. First of four performances.

VOGLER CIUARITET: The young quartet whose members had from what was East Berlin greatly impressed cribes at their Wigmors Haif debut a couple of years upo. In this first concert of a British lour they play Wolf's Italian Serenade, Haydon's String. Quartet. Co. 77 No. 10. Italian Serenade, Haydn's String Quartet, Op 77 No 1 and, with the

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theates in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

I THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Disappointingly charmiess version of what could have been an inspiring glomes of classical indian theatre, National Cottes (e.g., Scuth Bunk, SEI (071-928-2252). Tonight-Sai, 7.80pm, mais Thurs, Set, 2.30pm, 205mins. D PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller: turns by Ottenbach, Verdi and Weber but by Cherosce, Verda and Weber But not Lloyd Wabber. Straftsabury, Shafteabury, Avenue, WCZ (071-379 5398), Mon-Frt, 7.30pm, 8ct, 8.30pm, mets Thure, 3pm, Sat, 3pm, 180esns.

□ A POSTER OF THE COSMOS: London Gay Theetre Company in five American playlets, with or prignant, well done and mostly worth doing. Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chalk Paran Road, NW (971-257 0457). Tues-Sun, 8pm 125mins.

THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Contl argues the case for bigsmy. Wyndhem's, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sal. 7.30pm, mate Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

☐ THE SEA: Judi Dench splendid as the village grands-dame in Edward Bond's comedy of rage and madness. National (Lyttelton), South Benk, SEI (071-958 252), Today, Z.15pm end 7.30pm, 145mins.

☐ BOPHISTICATED (ADIES: Twelse single-danoers while through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines carnot diaguise the true nand Duke. Globe, Shahasbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 6085), Mon-Fri, Bprn, Sat, \$5 Dprn. mats Wed, 3pm. Sat, 5pm. 130mins. A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two plants is illusable tribute to Cole Parter's wit and vny melodies.

CINEMA GUIDE

Gooff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

♦ BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12): Mistaken Identifies in Venica. Impersonal, mechine-tooled, old-feshioned issues. With Dudley Moore, Richard Gariffiths, Patry Kensit, Writedinson, Maris Harmen.
Cannons: Chelsee (071-535 0310) Orieona Kensington (0428 91466) West End (0428 915674) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

BOUDU SAVED FROM DITOWNING (PG). Welcome revival of Jean Remoir's enarchic passionale (1932), with Michael Samon as the unregenerate tramp clasped to the bourgeols bosom. Pleasalean Vigo's surreal view of school days, Zéro de candulle (L). Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three warring brothers travel cross-country in a 1854 Cauther threezy blend of road movie, male-bonding comedy, and 1960s nosteligis. With Patrick Dempsey, Arys Gross, Daniel Stem; director, Joe Roth. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Parson Street (071-930 0631).

DELICATESSEN (15): French vicieo infezziola Jeurna and Gero'e wonderfully bizzere fantiesy about e Nomenha of tenentis living above a cannibeliato: builotier With Cominique Pinon, Mane-Laure Dougnes. Cannons: Chalese (071-352 5090) Topenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437

♦ FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15): Short-order cook (Al Pacino) court way wattrees (Michalle Pletifer) Synthetic adeptation of Terrange Michally's play. Director, Garry

Microhell. Sarbican (071-638 8891) Carmons: Balor Street (071-935 9772) Pulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-

The Scottlish composer James hischillian's The Security features in the RSO's concerts this wast. Peter Deponds is the scaled in this concertants work, whose title stems from the ancient waster 'Celta' suicided combatting. Also in the programme are Mandelsteohn's "Hebnidas" overtime and Telebrussing "Oothouleus" compositing. Amon in the programme am Mandelspohn's "Hebridae" overtime and Tchalkovsky's "Pathetique" Symphory. Matthias Burneri conducts. Caird Hall, City Squere, Dundes (0382 202513/cc 0382 202539), 7.50pm.

St David's Hall, The Heyes, Cardiff (0222 371236), 7.30pm.

ROYAL SOUTTIEN ON CHESTIVA

NASH ENSEMBLE: British's most distinguished chamber encemble presents the second concert of Russian masters. Saritons David Wilson-Johnson and plantat Dayld
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Owen Norts join the group in the first
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Odyssey, together with Aussorgaty's
Songs and Dances of Death for volce
and prano, and Totasflovsky's sexies, Souventr de Florence. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIPL: The Intelligent singer-congenters Ben Wett and Tracey Thom hit the road egah, this time going back to besice with a series of acoustic concerts. Especially for those unbarriers with their interests style and grown-up fyrice, the to Represents a welcome chance t them unancumbered by a fixed

Vaudeville, The Strend, WC2 (071-836 9987), Mon-Fri, Spri, Sat, 8.30pm, mate Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm, 140mins. TALKING HEADS: Period.
Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in three of his monologues charting-the unconscious humour and pain of

Inconscious humour and pain of descists lives. Comedy, Parties Street, 5W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Set, 8pm, mets Wed, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 150rhips. CI ATRIBUTE TO THE BUIES BROTHERS: Uvely perade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehell, 3W1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, PH, Sat. 6,15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

[] WALPURGIS NIGHT: Fee took at the and deeth in a Soviet psychiatric hospital by V. Erofsyov, a former innate. Snot Wilson translates. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0796). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 160mins.

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Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre HORS LA VIE (15): Mesterly account of a French hostage's like in the turnoil of Beisrut. Starring Hippolyte Girardot; director, Meroun Begdadi. Cannon Tottenham Court Roed (071-536 6148) Screen on Beiter Street (071-535 2772).

 JFK (15): Ct— Store's contentious, electrifying, the drams about the Kennedy essassimento), payon Counter as crusading D.A. Jim Gamistin; a bustling supporting cast.
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434 0031) Screen on the Green (071 228 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). LIFE IS SWEET (15): Miles Laigh's droif, farcical, award-winning comedy about a North London family's ups and downs. Starting Alson Steadman. Premiers (071-439 4470).

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and bow not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Hann-Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) easily offset the taolis reconstitute.

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MY GIRL (PG): Teeth-grating blend of pre-teen angst and middle-aged somance; Mucaulay Culkin gets his first kiss With Anna Chlumissy, Dan Aylooyd, Jamie Lee Corile, Diractor, Howard Ziell
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PAFF-RAFF (15): Welcome return of Ken Losch's marvellous, scrufty "elice of file" portrait of a building-sits crew; voted "Europeen Film of the Year" Première (07) -429 4470).

Eloquence flows out of silence

The Cutting Bush

THE reputation of the Bush is unrivalled among Fringe theatres for nurturing new work. Far more often than not, the judgement of its managerial team is proved sound when a lected play comes to be staged. Uncommon settings do not faze them; somehow their designers can turn the modest stage into an archery ground, railway sidings or a tug boat sinking in the Clyde.

Maureen O'Brien's admirable first play, set in a prison cell, presents no such taxing problem, but Mark Viner seems to have gone out of his way to give his design an institutional feel. not just with smeared tiles on the walls and steel rafters overhead, but eight inches of rough-edged concrete on the floor. Hacking that to bits at the end of the run will leave them all choking for hours.

A few months before the play begins, Judith, a 35-ish spinster of quiet disposition, has been brought to the prison after gulls in a railway cutting were found feeding on por-tions of her elderly mother. This explanation for her presence is not immediately disclosed, though clearly some particularly weird event has occurred, because Judith (Sian Thomas) has become even quieter, in fact totally dumb. Alex. a psychiatrist whose speciality is autistic children. and who is initially reluctant to work with an adult, visits her three times a week to discover whether, in his words, her silence is hysterical or elective. His brief is to persuade her to speak again, to learn what happened

For 45 minutes, it is only Alex (Paul Freeman) who talks, seemingly un-

VALIANT insiders or lame acces-

sories? Vaguely ill or lusciously aphrodisiac? Whatever your view of

the viola, that most under-regarded of

instruments, or of the noise it makes,

you will have had to change your mind a few dozen times through the

tricks and turns of Benedict Mason's

new Concerto for the entire section of

14 viola players. Clearly all involved

in the musical world, from critics

down, have been overlooking a vital

part of the orchestra.

Mason's initial plan was apparently a quite general one: to compose

a piece that would throw the spotlight

on, or seem to have been written as if

from inside, some particular orches-

tral group. His eventual choice was

no doubt conditioned by his taste for slightly scatty (sorry, I mean "ju-

dicious") starting points; maybe it

helped too that this was his own

dismayed by her refusal to answer his questions, respond to his suggestions or even to turn away from the scrap of sky she is presumably studying through the window.

The author makes him a profoundly sympathetic character, with an endearing habit of cancelling his testy outbursts when taping his reports, and Freeman conveys both his dry irony and the alert concern that draws him unwittingly into an emo-tion deeper than friendship. He discovers this truth while eating baked beans from the tin in his office, tipping it up in the process and thus literally spilling the beans - a piece of author's cheek that she. Freeman. and the director (Dominic Dromgoole) remarkably manage to

make acceptable. Judith eventually does talk and then there is almost no stopping her, like the speaker in Beckett's Not I, or the grandmother in Tom Murphy's Bailegangaire, two other Irish writers concerned with the power of words to hint at an unvoicable story. Judith reveals herself to be sharp-eared. grammatically precise and able to charge her recollections with a visual acuity that conjures up for us images of the chair-bound mother or sweat on the gardener's back. Thomas never loses the unearthly poise of her silent scenes or her curiously intent. bird-like stare, but as her story proceeds, a kind of defenceless joy radiates from the tight space her body

Near the end, some of Alex's leading questions feel wrong, and there is one speech (spoken as if by another) that is more to do with Psycho than psychiatry, but O'Brien's play is a most hopeful debut. It is also subtly lit by Mark Ridler and beautifully paced in Dromgoole's direction. Recommended.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Compelling duo: Judith (Sian Thomas) and Alex (Paul Freeman)

Spotlight on the viola

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instrument — or maybe playing the instrument helped him become the slightly scarty (sorry, etc) composer he: is. In any event, swerving the centre turns out to have surprising effects. Like a bucket kicked in from the side, the orchestra loses much of its normal function as well as its shape:

.Strange things happen. One of the trombonists starts to sing with a low bass voice, while another is heard

weeping into his instrument because he has not reached the platform ontime. Then one of the clarineassts (female) begins singing coloratura soprano; the percussionists are playing steel drums or swinging those cooing flexible tubes; the horns are switching between ancient instruments and Wagner tubas: and before you know where you are the solo section are away leading the rest

of the orchestra on a wild skirmish. This is the fifth of the work's six movements. The first is a beautifully composed sequence of objections to the focus being placed where it is, ending with a vision of the orchestra as clanking, ill-oiled machinery. The second is a drunken lurch from one

miniature concerto into another, always with some combination of instruments in the foreground.

Then comes a piece of Latin American baroque, followed by a magical slow movement, featuring the eerie metal whispers of strings and brass with practice mutes under delicate ripples of steel drums and synthesizer. Finally there is another slow movement, based on scale-wise descents of deflation, with the last gasps, and the last melodies, entrusted of course to the 14 soloists. They, and their colleagues, and Lothar Zagrosek conducting, and Nicole Tibbels and Jonathan Best fowners of the wonderful, drifting lost voices) realised they were on to something special.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Spurs to success

Lush Town and Country Club

LUSH may be most notable for inspiring poetry in reviewers who normally never touch the stuff.
"Clearly-formed chrysalids" and
"oscillating fountainfalls" are among the un-blushing descriptions of the combo and their music. And these are relatively restrained.

Faced with the chore of living up to it, Lush (Tottenham supporters to a man, and only vaguely chrysalid-like) responded by rationing their live and vinyl output. The strategy has succeeded. Their debut LP, Spooky. entered last week's chart at number seven. The pavement outside the club accordingly assumed the appearance of White Hart Lane on a Saturday afternoon. Dreamy-eyed fans dis-played unwonted spirit as they haggled with the touts.

If the customers were somewhat coarse, the band was reassuringly ethereal. They arrived in a spectral puff of smoke and felt their way into Stray". The first track on Spooky, it encapsulates Lush: intoxicated female vocals and shimmery, guitar-led meanderings in the place of songs. "Stray" and the smoke gave way to

"Bitter" and pink back-lighting that engulfed the group's male half in

It was confirmation that Lush is orchestrated by its remarkable singing guitarists, Emma Anderson and Miki Berenyi. They are responsible for the floating atmosphere that makes the music such a heady experience. On a good night such as this show, their breathy harmonies elevate the songs from basic pop structures to something more abstract. (Consequently it was startling to hear Miki's between-song comments delivered in expletive-laced cockney vernacular. Does she normally speak this way, or is it meant as some ironic counterpoint to the music? Evidence suggests the former.)

Airy concoctions such as "Nothing Natural" and "For Love" were accompanied by thematic colour displays. It is apparently Berenyi's belief that songs have individual colour auras. Hence "For Love" was illus-trated with soothing magenta lights, "Scarlet" received the appropriate treatment and so on. Perhaps there is something in her theory. The lights did seem to enhance the tunes.

The other side of Lush — the Old Kent Road side, as it were — was aired during "Superblast" and "Baby Talk". During these numbers they gave in to the temptation to turn up the amplifiers like a real rock band. The fragile vocals wilted under the guitar onslaught. It was enjoyable. though. So far, everything Lush have done is touched with magic.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

Witless in Manhattan

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IN NEW YORK John Guare's name is big - his play Six Degrees of Separation has just finished an 18th run on Broadway - but here it means little, and the production of this 1979 play is unlikely to make us mourn what we have missed. It contains three scenes: the first between the fatuous Scooper and his elderly, blind mother, is a fairly short prologue to an hour-long duologue between Scooper and Deirdre, the girl he picks up after eyeing her for months in the waiting room of the psychoanalyst they share. At the end of the first scene Henny,

the old lady, has been carted off to hospital, and in the eventual climax to the second scene Deirdre stabs Scooper with her paper knife and Scooper somehow injures her (the action becomes impossibly confused), both of them turning up in the same hospital for the last scene, fought out around the mother's bed.

Eva Pearce's performance in the first scene goes no way towards interesting us in Henny, for which Guare's writing is principally to blame, over-playing the device of the

unanswered question and either making no reference at all to her blindness or making it easy to miss. When she re-appears, however, Pearce does pretty well, smiling beakily from the

depths of her pillows. Unfortunately, for the greater part of the evening we have to focus upon Scooper, a character for whom the description "feebleton" must be coined. He is unexcitingly played by Campbell Graham, founder of Fifth Floor, the company presenting this production. Graham also frequently gives the wrong tone to his lines. It is certainly hard to know how any human being would sensibly intonate "She looked at me with her milky eyes, the sight curdling out of them." But assuming that some person would want to say "As soon as she went blind her mind snapped back, like the price of gold," the remark surely suggests Manhattan wit, and Graham conveys none of this.

Scooper and Deirdre (Debora Weston, marginally more convincing) converse in ornate language, heavily freighted with references to the literary great. "What is it Hannah Arendt says?" "What is Hemingway's phrase?" At last Deirdre curses E.M. Forster, which momentarily draws one to be side. draws one to her side. She apparently collects old books. "Lovely bindings." Scooper murmers, clearly never hav-ing seen a simple hardback before. Nor has Daniel Banks either, whose direction fails to reveal what Guare may have intended in his tale of love among the psycho-babblers.

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Her genes are a perfect fit

Actress Natasha Richardson, daughter of Vanessa Redgrave and the film-maker Tony Richardson, talks to Lauris Morgan-Griffiths about family and career

mention of the family name would strong draught of cold air. Last week, however, Natasha Richardson was in London to lend moral support to her mother, Vanessa Redgrave (vot-ed best actress in the Variety Club Awards), and she seemed happy to acknow-ledge her distinguished li-

As a young actress, Richardson evidently found the family reputation daunting. perhaps even stultifying. Whether the death from Aids last November of her father. the director Tony Richard-son, has altered her outlook, or whether it is simply that, at 28, she has a new-found maturity, she is now keener to embrace the mutual support ystem that the family offers. As far as is geographically possible they catch each other's performances, and Natasha actively invites comment from her own family. That constructive criticism", she says, is something she will miss most about her father.

Her father's name crops up often in conversation. She remembers that it was he who introduced her, at the age of 14. to New York, a city with which she immediately felt a sense of belonging. Along with London, New York is now home for her and Robert Fox, her theatre-producer husband. "I don't think you could have a closer relationship between father and daughter than we had. He was furious when I got mar-ried. He would have liked me to have lived with him."

Tony Richardson directed his most critically successful films in the 1960s: Look Back in Anger, A Taste of Honey, The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner, Natasha's

first part — "more an extra" - at the age of three or four, was as her mother's bridesmaid in The Charge of the

Light Brigade
I don't really quite know what I'm going to do without him. He gave me so much, gave me a huge wealth of different experiences, different people, different places.

'Her acting aims for truth derived from an emotional connection with the character'

He doggedly fought to do the to work for studios who were probably offering lucrative films. If he didn't believe in them, he wouldn't do them. He did what I think is his best work in years in a film with Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones called Blue Skies, which is coming out later this year. I am so pleased that this is his last film; it cocks a snook at those people that said, 'Oh well, his talent had just gone off the boil"."

Understandably. Natasha Richardson has a great re-spect for the sort of directors who fight long and hard to get projects of the ground, and who display integrity and vision. Paul Schrader has been a focal point in her career. Directing her in Patty Hearst, he fought for her in preference to American actors when she was virtually

unknown in the United States. And when she had reservations about accepting Comfort of Strangers, she finally agreed because "I owed him one".

Patty Hearst won Richardson her first film comedy role. Then, The Handmald's Tale nearly lost it. She had almost signed the deal for The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish when she was strongly advised to break her holiday. Ben Lewin, the direc-tor of The Favour, had seen The Handmaid's Tale and wanted convincing that she could be funny.

She convinced him, per-haps because, in real life. Richardson — with a ready gurgle of a laugh — is a far warmer person than some of those she portrays on screen. Her film roles have been strong, but often of a type: women manipulated into strange situations. In theare, by contrast, she has mixed lightweight roles in On the Razzle, Top Girls, Charlie's Aunt and High Society with the classic roles in Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Seaguil.

She is delighted with her first romantic comedy. The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish, based on Marcel Ayme's novel Rue Saint-Sulpice, takes place in a shop selling religious artefacts. Bob Hoskins is a pho-tographer seeking a Christ figure for a religious picture. Jeff Goldblum, an ex-convict. fits the bill, and they are both in love with Richardson. The 'watch" links the triangular relationship; the "favour" is how Hoskins and Richardson meet; the "very big fish" has a fleeting role.

Richardson chooses her parts largely on gut instinct; something different and



Richardson: "I don't think you could have a closer relationship between father and daughter than we had."

bring something special to the character. Her acting, "a sort of method acting, but not in the American way", aims for truth derived from an emotional connection with

the character.
In this film, Richardson gets the man, Hoskins. But she found their meeting scene incredibly nerve-wracking". They had to sit side by side, voicing the soundtrack to a blue movie. There were "three pages of stage directions for

and crescendos with instructions like 'She trilled like a bird' ". Aware of the orgasm scene in When Harry Met Saily, Richardson says she "heard a symphony of an orgasm in my head; I stopped thinking about what the crew might think I sounded like in

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bed." It would have been preferable, she thinks, to have to play a love scene naked. "At least you can close your eyes and hide in someone's shoulder and a bit of sheet." With so much competition

for so few meaty roles, even good actresses like Richardson cannot afford to wait for them simply to be handed over. She admits that she chased roles in The Sheltering Sky and Dangerous Liai-sons, but failed. "I can't bear the humiliation, so unless really want to do something, would rather not put myself in the position of being

Inheriting a strong work ethic, Richardson does not welcome fallow periods. So she is also beginning to work as a producer, creating her projects. Her first suc-has been to persuade Jason Robards to play opposite her in Anna Christie, on

Broadway. ◆ The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish will be reviewed here tomorrow and goes on release on Friday.

ARTS BRIEF

Showing more

AFTER several years in the doldrums, the Edinburgh Festival exhibition programme is looking up. The National Galleries of Scotland are staging three major exhibitions, including what is billed as the definitive show of the work of the 18th-century portrait painter Allan Ram-say (1713-84).

Ramsay, painter to King George III, was a leading figure in the Scottish Enlightenment, though his reput-ation never rivalled those of his English counterparts. Reynolds and Gainsborough. This festival show may change that. The two other exhibitions are devoted to "Dutch Art and Scotland: A Reflection of Taste" and to James Pryde.

Another Dylan

IS RADIO 2 going upmarket? Next month, Dylan Thomas is to be the subject of an hour-long programme on the network. Devised by the singer/songwriter Ralph Mc-Tell (composer of that perennial favourite, "The Streets of London"), the narrative is un-derscored with songs and orchestrations, and features Michael Elphick as a private eye character who attempts to nvestigate the early death of the Welsh poet. The Boy With a Note will be broadcast on March 3.

Last chance...

SELDOM can a new play by a major dramatist have received such mixed reviews as Arthur Miller's Ride Down Mt Morgan at Wyndhams (071-867 1111) last October. Some were highly amused by its sympathetic portrait of a bigamist and the two women in his life; others, including this paper, thought the piece laborious and its arguments for emotional honesty shallow. Tom Conti shrugs and shambles his way through the role of the two-timing Lyman for the last time on Saturday.

> TOMORROW IN LIFE & TIMES

Geoff Brown on Barton Fink and the other new films

Take a dip, everybody's doing it

nutty enough to want one on madness? How about a nice volume of fevers and frets for a friend? Know anyone to buy death for? If so, anthologies on all these subjects are available, and part of a prolif-

erating industry.

In the last few years we have had — to choose but a few - literary companions to seductions (edited by an exnun, Jenny Newman), to marriage, friendship, dissent, dreams, the turf, the sea, soccer (edited by a distinguished poet and biographer. Ian Hamilton), and one the publishers say you could "buy for almost anyone": Drinks, Drinkers and Drinking.
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has more than 40 anthologies in print: Faber more than 30. The "Chatto Books of" are thriving; Penguin and Virago have long been in on the idea; and last autumn the first (Theatre Verse) of the dramaoriented "Methuen Books of" appeared. Others have joined in: Fiona Pitt-Kethley's already much-chastised Literary Companion to Sex is published by Sinclair-Stevenson on Friday: Valentine's Day. More, many more, are on the assembly line.

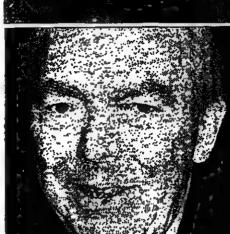
Anthologies clearly sell, but why? And, as their subjects get more and more recherchė, have publishers gone well over the top on esoteric compilations? It can only be a matter of time before we have The Bedside Book of Skin Diseases of The Faber Book of Root Vegetables. There is enough material already for an anthology of anthologies.

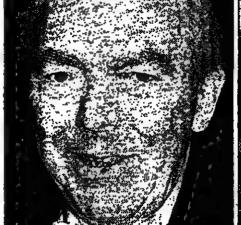
There is a long tradition of compiling the good bits of Shakespeare, or "Gems of English Poetry", and the Victorians liked to dip into thematic drawing-room collections. Many of us grew up with Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch's Oxford Book of English Verse and Palgrave's Golden Treasury. Hugh Kingsmill's Invective and Abuse, published in 1944. was successful enough to be followed up by More Invective. Brian Gardner's anthology of first world war poetry, Up the Line to Death, edited by Brian Gardner and published by Methuen in the 1960s, "goes on and on".

But the form has enjoyed a recent renaissance. Collections of prose and poetry ed cautiously and now in-

Although literary anthologies are becoming ever more esoteric, their popularity continues to grow. Nicolette Jones reports









A gathering of gatherers-in: recent and successful anthologisers (clockwise from top left) Angela Carter, Seamus Heaney, Fiona Pitt-Kethley and Frank Muir

themselves have diversified from improving samples for the schoolroom and comprehensive representations of the British literary canon, to such groundbreaking ventures as Virago's Bread and Roses, an anthology of women's poetry; Faber's Vernacular Verse; Penguin's Caribbean Verse and Homosexual Verse; and Virago's new collection of "poetry for the environment": Beneath the Wide, Wide Heaven.

Certain watershed books in the genre encouraged pub-lishers to experiment. For OUP, which had long published academic anthologies of Latin or German verse for a specialist readership, the success of James Sutherland's Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes, first published in 1975 and still a top seller, was a revelation. The list expandcludes Oxford Books of Dreams, Prayer, Royal Anecdotes and even of Oxford.

Still the publishers say they are selective: "Oxford Books have a certain cachet; we have to be careful that the subjects are appropriate and appropriately done." says a spokesman. "It wouldn't be so easy for us to do a book of sex."

or Chatto, two poetry anthologies did well in 1988: Hugh Haughton's Nonsense Poetry and John Fuller's Love Poetry. These triumphs meant that when Francis Spufford sugpested The Chatto Book of Cabbages and Kings, a hoard of literary lists, the publishers took up the challenge.

Was there a need for a book of literary lists? "No one really needs an anthology, ever," admits Chatto's Jonathan

Burnham. These are not useful reference books, like dictionaries of quotations. So who, and what, are they for? For instance, The Faber Book of Soccer is not as even its publisher admits, for the terraces. The average fan is not going to see the point of an extract from Martin Amis, even when the extract is about

Mostly anthologies are bought as gifts: match your friends to the theme. Hence the success of Love Poetry (Chatto's best seller). There could be a lot of unhappy recipients out there of lies, madness or death. But these clearly have a curiosity value: The Penguin Book of Lies has sold 12,000 copies in hard-back and more than 15,000 in paperback.

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Its editor, crime novelist and amateur forger Philip Kerr, who paints his own Cézannes for a hobby, justi-fies his theme: "I read Oscar Wilde's monograph On the Decay of Lying, in which he speculated that one day someone would collect a short edition of the world's best lies and liars. If it was a good idea then it seemed a good idea

Oxford believes its antholoies are best read through, like novels, because they set out to show historical developments. That seems optiistic. As Geoffrey Strachan of Methuen says, these are "books you don't have to take a holiday to read". They reward half an hour's bedtime ďabbling.

o is their success evi-dence of our bite-sized attention span? Per-haps, although their popularity grows along with that of novels that can double as doorstops. And is it fair to writers to reduce them to sound-bites, the literary equivalent of relevision's handling of politicians' speeches? Publishers insist anthologies can be of service to literature, acquainting thousands with bits of Bunyan or Barrett Browning they would other-wise be unlikely to encounter.

Besides, quality writing is acknowledged to be a crucial selling point. Another is respected editors, as shown by Frank Muir's Oxford Book of Humorous Prose, Angela Carter's Virago Book of Fairy Tales, Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes's The Rattle Bag (an anthology for children), and John Carey's Faber Book of Reportage, their respective publishers' top-sellers.

As competition increases. could the trend be on the way out? Not immediately, it seems. Faber will continue to publish "one or two a season", and among its forthcoming commissions are Salman Rushdie on Indian short fiction, A.N. Wilson on churches and dergymen, Christopher Ricks on America. Simon Rae on murder.

Methuen has Shakespeare anecdores coming in April and theatrical short stories in October. From Chatto we can look forward to books of the Devil and of office life; from Oxford, John Mortimer on villains; from Virago, wicked verse; and from Penguin, fights, feuds and heartfelt hatreds. Rumour has it that there is even a literary companion to dogs on the way.

Ragging

TELEVISION REVIEW

ome of the BBC's ideas are so old that they almost seem new again. Thomas Hobbes anticipated Olenka Frenkiel's The New Holy Roman Empire (Assignment, BBC 2) more than three centuries again the Papary, he claimed. ago: the Papacy, he claimed, "is no other than the Ghost of the deceased Roman Emof the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof". But Frenkiel and her producer. Dinah Lord, were more at home with the crude demonology of Popish plots. Following the collapse of communism, so ram their argument, the Catholic Church has embarked on a

Church has embarked on a two-pronged offensive: against liberalism in the west and against the Russian Orthodox Church in the east. Reinforced by loaded images an episcopal procession stepping over bodies of demonstrators in Zurich, a Vatican guard stamping his foot — a case was made that John Paul II now aspires to create

a Catholic theocracy.

That case omitted any reference to the documents through which the Pope propagates his views. His most recent encyclical Centesimus Annus, published only last year, in which the Church embraced western democracy and capitalVatican

ism, was a landmark in the history of Catholic social thought. But the strict pro-hibition of abortion, which the programme treated as an example of John Paul's il-liberalism, was axiomatic long before his pontificate.

The preaching of heterodoxy from the pulpit has nothing to do with political freedom or human rights, but the Pope's attempt to reassert his au-thority over the clergy was treated as an attack upon democracy in general. It was predictable that the pro-gramme would give opportu-nities to John Paul's critics, such as Hans Kung and Peter Hebblethwaite, to de-nounce him. But their allegations were never allowed to

he answered.
Instead we were left with Kung's assertion (unplea-santly suggestive of German arrogance towards Pclcs) that the Pope is trying to impose a Polish model on the rest of Europe. Frenkiel's patronising portrait of Polish Catholicism — with the former mouthpiece of martial law, Jerzy Urban, wheeled on to warn of "clerical dictatorship" — implausibly sug-gested that the church had there inherited the "power" of the communist party.

The no less loaded treatment of Catholic missions in the former Soviet Union like-wise exploited the faintly sinister resonance which words such as "Jesuit" still have in this country. But it was never made clear whether the "Pope's divisions" were indeed a grave threat to the values held dear at the BBC, or whether the Roman church was "a colonial empire in its best doug" nial empire in its last days". Perhaps Frenkiel et al hoped the mud would stick, either

At one point in the pro-gramme the Reverend Ian Paisley, MP, was hauled out of the European Parliament, burling abuse at the Pope. Unlike those who dislike Wojtyla for being a Polish Catholic or for undermining communism. Paisley was sure that he was up against Antichrist. Give me a good old-fashioned anti-Papist

DANIEL JOHNSON

JAZZ RECORDS

Reasons to be cheerful

1980s, British jazz is slowly coming back to earth. Doom and gloom are everywhere. Yet Orphy Robinson's debut for Blue Note suggests that there are some reasons for optimism.

A vibraphone player who made his name with Andy Sheppard and the Jazz Warriors. Robinson is an incandescent, sometimes prolix soloist who has been seeking the ideal vehicle for his talents. With the sextet Annavas he turns away from the conventions of theme-solo-theme and experiments with collective improvisation. In the process he is also attempting to synthesize the musical styles which have influenced his generation of black

Londoners. The most distinctive feature is the unorthodox instrumentation, Rowland Sutherland's flute drifting alongside the kora of the young African virtuoso Tunde Jegede. The players set about their task

Orphy Robinson & Annavas: When Tomorrow Comes (Blue Note CDP-7985812) George Shearing: The Shearing Touch (Sequel Jazz NXTCD-173) George Shearing & Mel Torme: Mel and George "Do" World War II (Concord CCD-4471)

with enormous vitality, with Robinson often content to lay down a simple interlocking rhythmic pattern.

As a first album, When Tomorrow Comes is accomplished, but could have been even more persuasive. Almost all the pieces could have been reduced by half without sacrificing intensity. The 14-minute suite "Let's See What Tomorrow Comes" is the worst offender.

Otherwise the album benefits from scrupulous production work by John Surman. And Robinson shows greater ambition and individuality than many of the American tyros signed up by Blue Note.

British by birth, George Shearing became one of the kings of crossover in the Fifties through his use of decorative unison arrangements of piano, guitar and vibes. Add laid-back Latin percussion, and the result is a guaranteed crowd pleaser. Stretched across three CDs on The Shearing Touch - re-licensed from the Capitol vaults - the formula does wear thin. There is, however, the bonus of guest appearances by Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, Nancy Wilson and Dakota Staton.

There is rather more meat to be found on his recent work for the Concord label. Among the more relaxed dates is a 1990 West Coast concert with Mel Torme Built around songs from the war years, this is an informal and unbuttoned session: two friends having a good time and not worrying about the occasional clinker.

CLIVE DAVIS

Hard tackles on a shoestring

On Sunday women's rugby took over the sacred turf of Cardiff Arms Park.

William Greaves was converted



Bess Evans with her mother after the game, and two stitches

n three hours they would be striding out on to the hallowed ground of Cardiff Arms Park, the ancestral home of Welsh rugby where Gareth Edwards and J.P.R. Williams once reigned supreme. But now the track-suited forwards were sitting, lounging and crouching on and around the double bed of room 213 at the city's Angel Hotel, listening to coach Jonathan Moore telling them what to expect from the much-vaunted English nack.

pack.
"When they're in our 22 they'll attack off the back row and look to work a switch with the centres, so watch the blind side." he said, in a jargon which was instantly understood by an audience of thoughtfully nodding heads. "If the back row start running it's your job, Bess, to get out there tackling..."

From the corner, Belinda Davies, a 29-year-old sales manager from Llandrindod Wells, felt moved to offer her view of her opposing prop forward. Sandy Ewing: "She's happy when she's allowed to look good running around the park — but give her a bad time in the scrum and she's knackered."

The tension eased. This was fighting talk and just the kind of thing 25-year-old Bess Evans, hooker, vice-captain and chairman of the Welsh Women's Rugby Football Union, needed to hear to quell the big match nerves which had kept her awake for most of the night

night.
As the host organiser of the sixth clash between the women of Wales and England, she knew better than anybody the significance of the next few hours. This was much more than a game of rugger. It was the day when the audience response would determine whether her sex had really made its mark

on the most intimately physical of all outdoor team sports. I had come, full of joy and rich

in mixed metaphor, to watch jolly hockey sticks replacing the blood and bruises of the real thing.

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club sides date back to the late
1970s and the Women's Rugby
Football Union (WRFU) was
formed nine years ago, last Sunday was the first time they had
been allowed to use a national
stadium for a home international
match.

And if that were not milestone enough, the game was to be referred by Derek Bevan, who took charge of last year's World Cupfinal in which Australia and England could have filled Twickenham many times over.

Would such an eloquent vote of confidence from one of the most respected officials of the men's game produce the kind of spectator attendance which was so desperately needed?

That all this was haunting the Welsh chairman's mind through those fitful hours of darkness was confirmed first thing on the morning of battle by her roommate Tania Wear, a 26-year-old engineering undergraduate, loose head prop forward and new cap. "Every time I rolled over, I was aware of Bess lying there wide awake, staring at the ceiling," she is aid.

Miss Evans, an athletic and irrepressibly cheerful postgraduate student of the University of Wales, where she is studying for an M. Phil in sports physiology, agreed that it had been a disastrous night. "The trouble was that I was wearing two hats. As a player I hadly want to beat England but I'm also concerned that the whole



All in together: the Welsh women's rugby union team engage in a loose maul while Derek Bevan, the World Cup referee, keeps a sharp eye on proceedings

day is a success. Because we are playing at the Arms Park, I thought it was important to keep up the stature of the occasion by booking the two teams into good hotels nearby. The Welsh Rugby Union gave us the ground but we have to pay for the security stewards and although both the Grand and the Angel hotels have generously given me time to settle their accounts, I'll be in big trouble if we don't get enough through the turnstiles."

ith 130 club sides but no major sponsor, women's rugby is both the fastest-growing team sport in Britain (according to the Sports Council) and a shoestring survivor. That one of its star players should have to lift her eyes, from the scrum and anxiously count the paying punters comes as no surprise to Karen Almond, a PE teacher from Herrfordshire who is the England visitors' captain, fly half and a veteran of 20 internationals. "We've always had to pay for our own travel and hotels and we even have to buy our shirts and socks

out of our own pocket," she said without a hint of complaint. "We had our own world cup competition last year and England lost to the US in the final. We'd lowe to go over there to play a return but it's an awfully long way away."

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By 6.30am, Miss Evans gave up the unequal struggle against insomnia, got dressed and went out to pace the Cardiff pavements. Three hours later she joined her teammates for a carbohydrate breakfast of pasta and a lemon and lime energy drink which Carol Thomas, a wing forward with eight previous caps but today one of the replacements on the bench, said tasted much better with odka in it. Everyone laughed a bit too loudly. Badinage was clearly an approved antidote to ever-tightening nerves.

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Afterwards in room 102 — "just give me five minumes to tidy away yesterday's knickers" (more laughter and several ribald comments) — Miss Evans laid newspaper on the bed to get down to the chore of boot-cleaning. "I never had any feminist ambition to knock down barriers." she said. "I was introduced to the game at college and

'I wanted to play because it was a young, growing sport — and the physical contact appealed too'

wanted to play it because unlike hockey and nerball it was a young, growing sport — and I suppose the physical contact side of it appealed to me, too.*

With an hour to go before kickoff, both teams were changed and
out on the turf for team pictures.
Edginess was everywhere as each
player found her own method to
calm a pounding heart. Miss
Wear looked up at the empty
stands. "You can aimost feel them
filled with people, can't you?" she
said. "It's a dream come true. At
college a lot of the boys talk about
one day playing at Cardiff Arms

Park - well I've beaten them too

The crowd, including guests

built up to about 3,000 and the allimportant turnstile receipts to £6,500 — "certainly enough to cover the hotel and security bills", said a much relieved Miss Evans afterwards. If it was not exactly the capacity 53,000 that would have graced the comparable men's-international clash, by the time the band had played the national anthems, there was no shortage of partisan clamour.

And within about 20 minutes at least one male spectator was aware of a strange attitude conversion. England's fiert-footed Deborah Francis had gone over for a try in the corner; at the other end Welsh flanker Jackie Morgan had taken advantage of an appalling defensive mix-up to touch down the equalising points; the crowd, equally divided in allegiance, bayed its encouragement — and the field was no longer full of women but of rugby players locked in mighty conflict.

The game ebbed and flowed with Miss Almond and her opposing Welsh fly-half. Samantha Por-

ter, exchanging a couple of penalty goals each. A lengthy period of English pressure in the last half hour brought a spectacular try from full-back Jane Mitchell and a winning margin of 14-10.

Back at the hotel, Rosie Golby, a

Back at the hotel, Rosie Golby, a player herself and the secretary of the WRFU. laughed at my reaction. "That's what nearly everyone says when they watch for the first time — that they soon forget that we are women," she said.

Last to arrive at the reception was Miss Evans — delayed by having two stitches in a badly cut

"I went in to tackle Jill Burns, the English No 8, and her head popped up and caught me," she said philosophically. "It doesn't look very pretty and I'm afraid it's ruined my chances for tonight."

Her mother, Jean Evans, put a consoling arm around her. "She's had black eyes, terrible bruises and one broken leg and I always seem to end up taking her to hospital." She said.
"Rut I news worst. Our whole

"But I never worry. Our whole household is given over to women's rugby — and she's doing what she wants to do."

How to handle the fictional violator: the writer of tomorrow's EastEnders relied on empathy

athy felt James put his hand on her shoulder, then give her a quick squeeze. She shrugged him off but he had his arms around her. She did not want to offend her boss by pushing him away too forcefully—but when he kissed her, she ran for the door. Then he was on top of her, pushing up her skirt, and all she could feel was pain. When Kathy Beale was raped in

When Kathy Beale was raped in EastEnders three years ago. BBC1's Points Of View was inundated with letters complaining about the graphic portrayal of the violation. But just as many women wrote to the actress Gillian Taylforth thanking her for helping them to come to terms with their

own rape.

Now EastEnders, not a programme which shies away from complicated issues (drugs, suicide, murder and Aids are everyday occurrences), is tackling the return of the rapist.

James Willmou-Brown, fresh

from prison, has come back to haunt Kathy and in tomorrow's episode she decides to confront him.

In deference to the subject the producers have decided to make it into a "three-hander", where all the action is between three characters and takes place in one room.

This device has been used before the project the last occasion upon

in the series: the last occasion was a "two-hander" when Sharon and Michelle, the daughter and former lover of "Dirty" Den respectively, met after his death.

In tomorrow's episode Kathy, the typically stoical EastEnders woman: James, the middle-class rapist who wears pink shirts and a Barbour; and Pete, Kathy's former husband, a good-natured, simple, fruit-and-veg stallholder, ail meet each other round a table in a battle

The effect is more like a scene from a Pinter play than life in a terraced house in Albert Square: there are endless pauses, dramatic one-liners and macabre jokes.

Sixteen men and 11 women are on the scriptwriting team for the programme, and this episode was written by Debbie Cook.

She does not think she was chosen because she is a woman.

She relished the chance to get her teeth into another nitty-gritty portrayal of the grim facts of Albert Square life.

Albert Square life.

"I jumped at the chance to do a three-hander because of the rock-bottom emotions involved." she

The husband, the wife and the rapist



Scriptwriter Debbie Cook: unlike Kathy in EastEnders, she managed to escape a would-be rapist

"As a woman I can probably understand Kathy's feelings of revulsion at being violated and her anger at being helpless while she is being abused but there are also two male characters in the scene and I can't just write them off because I am female.

"Anyway it was a male storyliner who thought up the whole confrontation in the beginning. He felt that Kathy should be allowed to get it off her mind and they chose a male director — so this is not just a female crusade."

Ms Cook does not believe in doing any research for her scripts. She wrote this one in three days, between endless cups of coffee, and burst into lears over her

typewriter at the end.
"You can't really do research
because everyone reacts different-

ly. All you can do is look at the characters and think how they will

"I know Kathy. I have lived with her for two years. I know what she puts on her face, what she eats for breakfast and what she thinks of the royal family. She's been raped twice, poor lamb. We have gone through a lot together.

"Rape counsellors would have given me all this hype about post-rape trauma but how often have they interviewed a woman like Kathy, who has had to confront her rapist in his house in front of her ex-husband?"

Ms Cook did ask various friends what they thought they would do if they found themselves in the same situation. Most said that they would annihilate the rapist with a sawn-off shotgun.

Kathy uses a mixture of sarcasm, desperation and venom to portray her feelings and put down both her husband and the rapist.

"Kathy is embattled, sensitive, brave and up-front. She has spent her whole life caught in a relationship where there are clearly-defined roles and she was the submissive one.

"It took the rape to pippoint the

"It took the rape to pinpoint the falsity of her life. In this scene she can come into her own. She is poised and dignified.

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"I am a great admirer of Kathy," says Ms Cook, "I hope the episode will help other women to feel confident enough to stand up for themselves and take control."

Ms Cook has been threatened with rape herself and tried to laugh it off like Kathy. She managed to get out of the situation

but not before she had felt totally humiliated. When Kathy forces the rapist to

apologise. Ms Cook says she was silently cheering from the sidekines and feels that writing the script may have had a cathartic effect. So do Pete and James get an unnecessarily hard time? Pete as

asked by the rapist whether he ever slept with his wife against her will and Kathy tells Pete that their relationship was only based on sex. "I may have misjudged men's attitudes but I think when a man's wife is raped, his spain feeling is proprietorial. The woman could be a dog or an orange but it is your

property and this is how Pere has been feeling.

"Until now he is still taunting her for having brought it on herself. I'd like to think that he will now be capable of better autitudes when he realises what his wife has gone through."

Ms Cook turned down an offer to talk to rape offenders because she felt it would make her mo angry to treat James sympathetically. "Every man I talked to said they couldn't imagine wanting to rape a woman but I can understand James. He is blinded by his passion, which gives his life a purpose and draws him back to Kathy. He doesn't care if it means poing to prison.

going to prison.

"By the end I could sympathise with all of them and I hope the viewers will as well. The question is more than one of rape. It is about power, domination and fantasy and that can involve any class, race or sex."

Helen Greaves, the episode's

Helen Greaves, the episode's producer, has no qualms about devoting the whole episode to the rape issue. Fifty-nine per cent of the audience are women, but she thinks the issue of rape is important to everyone. Even children can learn from the confrontation, she suggests, although she thinks they will probably find it quite

"Lots of people have the desire to confront someone who has hurt them and Kathy gives them that opportunity." Ms Greaves says. "Debbie Cook was chosen because she handles those sort of

situations admirably.

"Every woman feels threatened or intimidated occasionally. I think men will be surprised at the complexities that Kathy goes through It will make some men feel uncomfortable."

ALICE THOMSON

week more on domestic work than

Market to market

of the '90s" workshop will be held next Thursday, February 20, at the Institute of Directors (IOD) in London. Leading businesswomen will be lecturing and chairing round-table discussions and workshops on all aspects of "marketing to the single European market", including financial planning. The panel will include Moyra Bremner and Tina Knight, the managing director of Nighthawk Electronics. The £55 full-day workshop will include hunch and a cocktail reception hosted by the IOD. The day has been organised by Bawe, The British Association of Women Entrepreneurs. Details/tickets from them at 33 Ceithness Road, London W14 OJA (071-602 4656).

Chore cheer

ACCORDING to a report just produced by the Henley Centre for Forecasting, much coverage of "women's issues" and "their progress in society" has been unduly pessimistic. Those who feel they have been been banging their heads against a brick wall - or glass ceiling — in a furile attempt to ger ahead may take heart from the centre's prediction that "the immediate trend is towards -a growing role for women in society. Women are in a position to take the majority of new jobs created between 1990 and 1995, and are widening their access to higher education and job training." How will we manage this? Only If we are prepared to relinquish "our "central role inside the home", the Henley Centre suggests - and notes a trend that suggests we are Men, the report says, are now spending "on average four hours a

they did five years ago": at this rate, "by 2000 men will be doing over 45 per cent of essential shopping, everyday cooking and other household chores".

Get in there

IT'S A sign of the times that "How to sell yourself at Interviews" courses have been doing so well at the City of London Polytechnic that they have been introduced for a second year. The first sessions for 1992 will take place on the evenings of February 25 and 26 (£75 for the two-evening course) and the course is "highly participative", according to the organisers, with lots of chance to practise interview skills — from both sides of the desk — and coaching on how to field awkward questions. Further details from Short Course Unit, City Poly, 84 Moorgate, London EC2 (071-256 8843).

Syndrome talk

THE Women's Nutritional Advisory Service (WNAS) has organised a conference on PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome) espe-cially for GPs, at the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology on April 27. The WNAS, a private organisation with clinics in London and Hove and a postal service, was founded eight years ago by the nutritionist Dr Maryon Stewart to give help to PMS sufferers. The clinics advise women on how to help themselves through PMS with diet and exercise, and estimate that 73 per cent of women of childbearing age are affected by it. Vitamin B6 and Efamol — evening primrose oil — are among the suggested palliatives recommended by the advisory service. Further information can be obtained by sending a large sae to WNAS. PO Box 268, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 IRW.

VICTORIA MCKEE



HEALTH ON FRIDAY

"Rachel has a secure relationship, a house, a career and herpes." Alice Thomson on life after herpes, on the Health page on Friday

Clare Longrigg reports on the latest stage of Dawn French's crusade against a "fattist" fashion industry

Very big in Camden

modelly with my arm up," Dawn French calls from the set. She finds a pocket in the folds of the voluminous shirt and tries it out. "Now I look as if I've got no hands. What kind of morons spend all day doing

MY TEMP AND

"You do, darling," some-one shouts. The camera flashes. "Someone taught me how to pose once," Ms French continues as the stylist brushes her hair into huge councing curis. She leans orward with one hand in front of her, as though she were climbing on to a table. "I've tried it in the street and it's never worked at all." The eam of assistants, big and ess big, wait on the sidelines shaking with giggles. She moves one tiny foot in front of the other. "This is my other

position I can do."

Dawn French is modelling a flowing olive green shirt and black trousers designed by Helen Teague, her partner in a company which makes and sells clothes for big women. They are preparing the spring catalogue of their shop, called 1647, which opened last year. The name refers to a statistic they say they discovered that 47 per cent of British women are size ló or over - a figure that, if accurate, has been wilfully ignored by most of the fashion industry.

Large women, who have suffered ritual humiliation in the fitting rooms of British stores, come from all over the United Kingdom to the shop in Camden, north London, and fall on Ms Teague's voluminous clothes with tears of gratitude.

All big women want, Ms French says, is to be able to go shopping. This does not seem an unreasonable demand. "I've got blouses with a bow at the neck, you know, like Margaret Thatcher, because it's the only thing that would fit me. You see big women in smocky dresses or in orange velour because it's all they can

Ms Teague's clothes are not just big, they are loose and flowing but well cut, designed to make big women feel comfortable — there is no question of building in inches of seam to let our. She uses fine fabrics, particularly silk and jersey, which are cool to wear, because "big women

sweat" Ms French says. The shop, too, is designed for comfort: the blind is discreetly drawn; there is a

sofa, cups of onfice: the first

mosphere of a salon; appointments (which are encouraged) are two hours long, but some clients stay all day, and try on every single item in the

girls, there are big girls in the shop." Ms French says. "Big women don't want to be served by stick insects." The last phrase comes out with unexpected venom. "Women

have felt bullied and uncom-fortable for so long."

And Ms Teague is very good about sizes. "We start at size 16 but the sizes are Small, Medium and Large. It does people good to walk into a place for the first time in their lives and say, I think I'll have

They're not trendy. You're not going to look foolish."

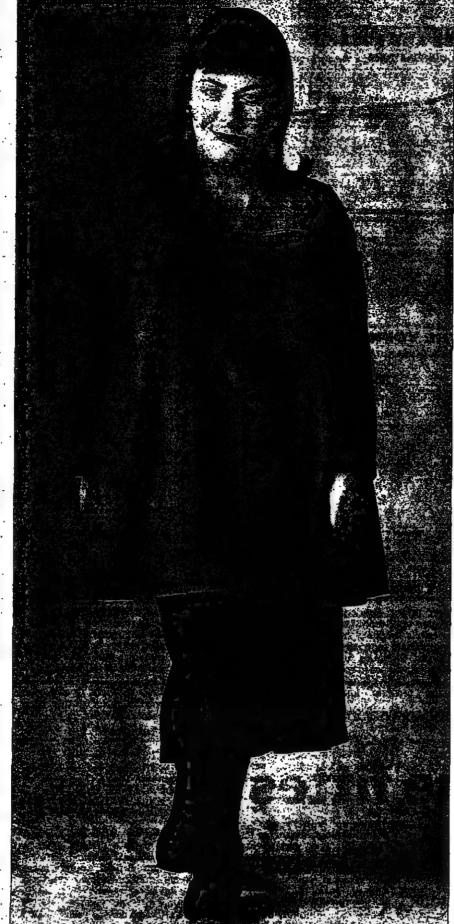
his is all very anti-fashion: but Ms French, not muchabove 5ft 2in and something around size 16, has always found the industry "preposterous". She appears
in an elegant white suit made
of rough silk: she snarls,
pushing out her lips. "That's
what they look like in Vogue. now I don't think that's a nice way to sell clothes," she says in a nice voice.

The next item is a damson suit and tie; the jacket has a rounded front, something like a summer pudding, and hangs in waves over the trousers. Every outfit features generous curves; there are no sharp edges in evidence, nothing to offend or unnerve. "I want some éclairs," Ms French calls out from the soft

pool of light.
"I find it utterly pretentious standing in front of a stills camera, she says afterwards. For those top models, the idea is to look fierce Our clothes are about feeling good. If you're wearing some-thing loose you can think, 'I'll have another chocolate and it

The shop has been a resounding success. "We need to get a bigger shop. It's much too small — to get three big women in a small shop is quite a feat," Ms French says. But they are not taking any chances with losing customers: the plan is to open a restaurant in the shop: not a carrot juice bar, but a temple of guilt-free consumption.

So is this the beginning of an anti-fattist revolution? More women are making it big: Roseanne Barr has her own television show; Jo Brand includes fattist jokes in her comedy routine: Oprah









About the size of it. Dawn French models her partner Helen Teague's clothes. Women who visit their shop sometimes try every single thing on, finding time to eat chocolates, too

Winfrey is a household name on both sides of the Atlantic. But all these fat women are funny. Maybe they're a laughing stock. Ms French is: big, but perhaps not big enough to break the mould: I have never written myself a fat role, but scripts come through the door with fat girl

parts for me. "It may be that things are changing, slowly. Marks & Spencer have started doing a size 20, and the other day i came across something called the Plus Size model agency, which has models who are size 14. Fourteen. We go up to

47. The bigger the better as far as I'm concerned."

The studio is cleared, leaving only a smattering of Polaroids pinned up on the wall. These are from another shoot: a book of jumpers modelled by Ms French and Sharon Henry, her sister-in-law, who is about twice her size. The jumpers are in bright colours with bold designs; the image is very asser-tive, very strong. "I'm on the side of the sassy big girls who are happy to be big." Ms

French says. On my way out, l accept a chocolate éclair.

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Taking the rearing view

hen Kathy Gyngeli was sitting her Cambridge degree in the dawn of the women's movement, she swore never to end up like her mother, a clergyman's wife who devoted herself to raising three daughters only to see her life fall apart as they flew the nest.

"I grew up thinking what an awful lot it was being a wife and mother; used, abused and sat upon." Instead, Mrs Gyngell went the way of other bright girls in the 1970s, pursuing a television career that barely skipped a beat when she had her first baby five years ago.

Standing at the photocopier in the offices of TV-am nine weeks after the birth, she was incensed when a male colleague told her she should be home looking after the baby. "I thought, what does he know about it?"

She had a nanny at home, a programme of her own in the studio and best of all, a boss, Bruce Gyngell, the chairman of TV-am, who was also her husband and only too willing to arrange flexible hours around the baby's routine.

So it is all the more unlikely that Mrs Gyngell should have evolved into the leader of a campaign set up just over a year ago called Full Time Mothers. It aims to get official recognition of women's "nurturing" role, via tax breaks, that will make it financially viable for a mother to stay at home and

rear her child. "Most mothers would like to," Mrs Gyngell believes, "but they keep it under their hats; you're conditioned to promote your career because motherhood has no status at all in the present climate.

"it took me a year after Adam was born to give in to the pangs of anxiety that bothered me daily from the minute I went back to work." Her job as the editor of

After Nine, a magazine programme for women, went and so did her part-time job producing the Frost on Sunday show, "because the reality was that my researcher was doing all the work. I was coming in late, going home **Full Time Mothers**

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early and by the end of the run I knew I was lying to other people and lying to myself about wanting to have it all." She admits she speaks from a position of privilege: "I had no financial worries and absolute choice. Bruce is very much in favour of working mothers and would have bent over backwards to accommo-

nannies to keep me going. But Full Time Mothers is not just for the middle classes, she insists. "Our members — we've amassed 300 — come from council estates as well as manor houses: they're secretaries, nurses, shift. workers in factories, many who are forced into very unsatisfactory childcare

date my career. He'd have paid for three

arrangements. "I'm campaigning on behalf of mothers for whom the kind of tax reforms we're after — like a transferable personal allowance for a non-working wife and personal allowances for children themselves -- could put £3.300 a year in their pockets. For many, that's no less than what they have left now after getting to work, paying for hunch and childcare. And it may cost the government no more

Bright spark: Kathy Gyngell with Adam (left) and Jamie

The precept of her campaign is that no paid child care worker can substitute for a parent, but she is in favour of recruiting family if a double income is paramount: "They have an interest in the child that can't be replicated by paid staff. The next best thing is flexible working hours for women, including retraining course timetables."

She is aware that some brand her

group as reactionary. She says she was "put up to" forming it by Brian Griffiths, formerly the head of Margaret Thatcher's policy unit and now the head of the Schools Examinations Assessment Council, and Valerie Riches of Family and Youth Concern, a conservative pressure group. "I saw her on television and was struck to hear her ask: What about the children? - a question almost nobody articulates.

"I called her up and she introduced me to Frances Savin, a BSc with seven children who had an organisation called Women at Home. She. Rachel Griffiths married to Brian Griffiths; and a couple of others are the core group: one works

But we're not associated with Family and Youth Concern and we're certainly not reactionary, though I'm aware our views are politically incorrect for the times. We share a certain amount of ground with the Working

Mothers' Association Jan action group for mothers who work outside the home] - the need for flexible hours, for example." She says she wishes more

women could believe they could still fly high after taking a ten or 15 year career break. Her mother studied for an

external degree in middle age and put herself on the market at 55. "By the time she was 61 she was co-principal of a language school. But it was a banle. No woman should be penalised for taking the time no raise a family.

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This cloud has a silver lining

Peter Bowman sees a bright future for the gloom-laden national dailies

ontrol of the nat-ional television station was the focus of the Romanian uprising in 1989. Last year, the Gulf war and the attempted Moscow coup saw Sky News and especially CNN almost set the news agenda.

Link these events with the current circulation falls suffered by nearly all national daily newspapers, and a gloomy picture emerges: what used to be called Fleet Street seems to be withering away under the onslaught of the electronic news media and public indifference. Despite these omens, newspa-pers have cause to be optimistic, though not com-

The size and structure of the national newspaper mar-ket has hardly changed for 30 years. Promotions, games and especially increases in cover prices induce shortterm fluctuations, and prospects can look more or less positive depending on your

But the last six months of 1991 saw the combined sales of the 11 national papers drop by 5 per cent, from 14.3 million in 1990 to 13.6 million, the largest drop for six years (although last year saw The Daily Sport, which is not included in the Audit Bureau of Circulations data, begin to sell around 200,000 copies a day).

In the decade since 1981 (a year that saw the tabloids at their bingo zenith) sales have dropped 11 per cent from a peak of 15.3 million (see chart). The decline is by no means uniform. If the first half of the 1980s belonged to the tabloids, the second half saw the quality papers (in-

strong sales depend on a strong product, whatever the

demographic, economic or social trends, and no matter how

great the competition from other

media, editors and circulation man-

agers of regional newspapers were told at a Newspaper Society sales

For years, regional and local papers have blamed their declining fortunes — a 23 per cent drop in sales since 1975 — on competition from freesheets and local broadcast

media, population movement from urban to suburban areas and, most

But tracking the performance of

30 titles over the past 15 years to prove his point, David Darton,

development director at the Henley

Centre for Forecasting told 380 delegates at Birmingham that the main reason for success or failure

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newspapers themselves.

cluding The Times flourish, increasing their total sales over the decade by 12 per cent and their share of all sales from 15 per cent to 19 per cent.

Apart from the recent decline in overall sales, what are the perceived problems? To a large extent they concern a new generation of readers. On an average day, the proportion of the adult population reading (as apart from buying) any national paper has dropped faster than total sales, especially among the young. At the start of the 1980s threequarters of under-25s would be reading national newspapers on any one day; now it is barely 60 per cent. The decline is almost as bad among the 25-44 age group. Sales have remained static despite an increasing number of house-holds, which suggests that some young households may have lost what is still a regular

The second potential problem (see chart, right) is that as the population ages and moves slightly up the social scale, so too does the readership of national dailies. In most cases, readership is ageing faster than the national trend, a fact partly explained by the arrival of The Independent and Today with a rather younger appeal.
Attitudes to newspapers are

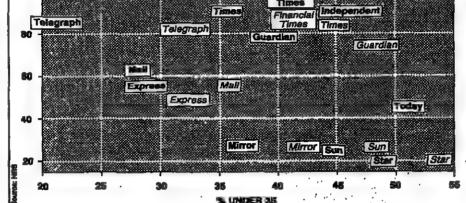
habit among their elders.

a third area of concern. The British Market Research Bureau's target group index survey finds that only four out of ten adults now rely on newspapers to keep them-selves informed of what's going on". a score down points in as many years. How does the optimist respond in the face of such

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trends? Although cover prices have been kept down in real terms, the current dip in sales is probably recession-related: as personal incomes revive, so too will the broad circulation stability of national dailies, especially as an expected up-swing in advertising revenue will ease future pressure to

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raise cover prices. Readers will not give up deeply in-grained habits because of media competition, especially if the press continues to adapt. Readers will not make a stark choice between one information medium and

another. The proportion claiming to

rely on selevision for news has not grown recently, and remains at about 45 per cent. Newspaper circulations boomed during last year's wars and coups, and will do so again during the election campaign.

Even though average read-

ership has dropped, the Nat-

ional Readership Survey (the advertiser's bible) shows that only one in ten Britons never reads dailies, a figure that is not growing. Readers now probably concentrate on the merits of selected days rather than "average" days as each paper customises its daily package — Monday sports sections or weekend television listings pullouts. The re-launch of Saturday editions as "weekend" papers, turning below-average Saturday sales into above-average figures, is an example of newspapers combining marketing skills and production flexibility.

Interviews my agency has carried out with readers indi-cate that although recent innovations (such "as "more sections and colour) are not responses to urgent reader needs, such changes and a move from pure news to "review" editorial do reflect a competitive response to the

e can expect to see editors concentrating the editorial needs of their readers, and a blurring of the segmentation among quality, mid-market and popular papers. Editors can develop strategies without having to worry about the competition from news magazines, sports titles and television listings magazines that might have harapered the development of big newspapers on the Continent.

Finally, and paradoxically. national papers may be better editorial products because they are now owned and run by businessmen rather than the old editorial magnates. Marketing imperatives should ensure that today's problems are addressed.

Peter Bowman is media research director of advertising agency WCRS

Tory devolutionaries lean on Lang

Vanishing act for Glasgow

A Scottish daily has been busy name-dropping, reports Hugh Thompson

ne of the oldest news-paper titles in Britain has been consigned to the dustbin. After 209 years. The Glasgow Herald has become simply The Her-

The move is part of the drive by Liam Kane, the new managing director of Outram Press, to turn his flagship from being the first among Scotland's four quality titles into the country's first national newspaper. Not least in the eyes of the

"On our masthead 'Glason has been getting smaller. We also want to tidy up the masthead as part of the general redesign. We outself The Scotsman, our main rival, by 120,000 to 85,000, but there is still a feeling among some potential readers, and more importantly ers, and more importantly London ad agencies, that it is they, 'not us, who are the national quality north of the border. We outsell The Scotsman everywhere except for

Edinburgh."
In order to ram home this message, an unprecedented £1.5 million will be spent over six months with a 60-second commercial on STV and Grampian, and sales teams have been sent to Edinburgh, The Scotsman's heardand.

The Herald's editor, Arnold Kemp, says: "In a design-conscious and competi-tive world you must continually find new ways of shouting at the public. Changing our name was all part of a more flexible and modern design of the paper. "Of course the readers don't like change and in

not ignore the fact that most of our sales increases come from outside the city.

"I believe that all change in the newspaper should be considered and where possible done all at once. So new title. typeface, design and sections came together. We grasped

the neuraged by the response."

The floating reader in Aberdeen may well be impressed with the new-look Herald, but the strength of the Scottish quality papers derives not only from a regional bias in reporting but from the all-important classified sections, particularly in jobs and houses.

Mr Kane admits to revising his ratecard: although the volume of advertisements was up an impressive 30 per cent in 1991, the value was up only 10 per cent, to £26.4 million. A key part of the strategy is to retain the large readership that buys The Herald on Fridays when it has 15 to 20 pages of jobs.

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The Sconish media had a very good advertising year in 1991. As only 50 per cent of Scots are owner-occupiers and houses are cheaper too. Scotland has escaped the great mortgage-repossession dampener on spending.

As a result, national advertisers have switched more of their budgets north of the border. This has forced up the price of STV air-time, which in turn has made the Scottish

daily papers more attractive. So what do the London agencies think of the new Herald? Media planning director at BMP, Ivan Pollard. says: "I am surprised that we are meant to be a main target because no one has come to tell us about this. But we know all about The Herald: it's already our number one

paper in Scotland.
"Newspaper names and designs are all about brands. At first readers reject change but if they are genuine improvements they become part of the Glasgow we have had one or brand strength."



Revival of the fittest

important and that requires substantial, long-term invest-

Successful local papers tend to print six to eight editions, "editionising" most pages, while under-performers print just one to five and change only the front page from edition to edition. Successful papers are thicker, use more colour, have a more modern design, run more stories, print more supplements, and publish national and international news, listings, lifestyle and more issue-oriented

Advertising, promotion and canvassing have negligible impact on long-term sales, Mr Darton said. Many under-performers advertise a lot, while many of the industry's success stories tend to promote themselves sparingly, advertising Local papers can halt the sales

slide, reports Melinda Wittstock

only specific scoops and specials. Weaker papers tend also to boast that they are "campaigning" papers while the more successful possess a quiet confidence that they are responding on a daily basis to issues of importance within the community, he said.

Whatever their current circumstances, the regional press must find ways to woo back younger readers if the overall circulation slide is to be averted. John Aldridge, the Newspaper Society's overwhelmingly regard the regional press as "grey and boring and middle aged".

To cater for the 13 to 33-yearolds regional papers must update their design, let the young write for the young, carry more campaigning journalism and leisure features, and sectionalise the newspaper to ensure older readers are not alienated, said George Kelly, a former teacher who now runs the society's Newspaper in Education (NiE)

NiE had a dramatic impact on the fortunes of The Sunderland Echo. After working with young people for several years it succeeded in winning 70 per cent of local 15- to 24-year-olds as new readers. "This is now their largest readership by a clear 4 per cent."
Mr Aldridge said.

"If you haven't got an NIE coordinator in your office, working flat out with close contact with his or her editor, then your newspaper is not taking long-term sales seri-

ously."

He also called on the regional press to make a greater effort to combat illiteracy, which affects 5.5 million British adults. Local could provide a room for a papers could provide a room for a few hours each week where adults could learn to read. "We simply have to fight everything that pre-vents people reading." he said.
"In the end it's the product that matters. We won't self it unless its

contents are local and unique unless their presentation is familiar and changes are evolutionary and not revolutionary. The local newspaper has to be seen to be involved in community matters and to be a voice for its communities . . . it means real community news, it means expensive journalists on site ... just to stand still it means we have to have colour ... there is so much to be done."

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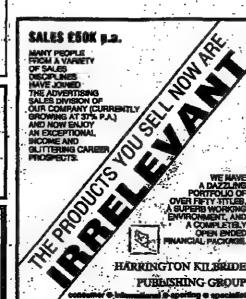
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The tenant of a house of equivalent value would have spent £104,502 on rent. If he had invested £21,570, the sum the buyer used as his deposit, in a building society, his savings account today would have grown by £25,012. The cost of renting would therefore be £79,490, and leave him with no invest-

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Rachel Kelly examines the best home for

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A tenant would face a loss of £29,353 if he had-invested the deposit money in a building society, or a profit of £2,699 if he had chosen a British unit trust.

It is easy to comment on the past ten years, but what of the next ten? To buy or to rent, that is the question.

The answer, says John Wriglesworth, Phillips & Drew housing analyst, is that in future it will be harder to decide which makes better financial sense. "I think it will be a much

pattern for the next ten years is going to be much more like it is in Edinburgh. I do not think we will ever see such a boom in house prices again."

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House prices will not pick up until 1994, he says. His advice is to rent if there is no need to buy. "If you are not have grown by £88,374. need to buy. "If you are not about to get married and have children, the answer is that you should save."

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Chris Wermann, of the Woolwich, agrees that there are advantages to renting rather than buying. "Mainte-nance, buildings and contents insurance, service charges and water rates are normally paid by the landlord." he says.

enants can usually

move into their homes within a fortnight, whereas buymonths, Mr Wermann explains. "In a rising property market," he adds. "tenants lose, but when values are stationary or falling, as they are at the moment, they are not missing anything. In the long term, renting is more expensive but in the short term it can be cheaper." of low house prices," he says.

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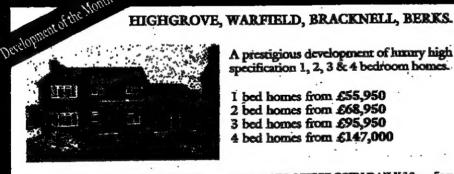
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general election for the property market would be a hung Parliament, says a survey of 51 lenders by Chesterion Financial, a London consultancy, and Thames Polytechnic. A Labour victory would be little better, so lenders are hoping for another Conservative government to boost the market.

Banks and financial institutions were most pessimistic about a hung parliament, as 58 per cent expect the property slump would then worsen and only 5 per cent believe it might improve.

Under Labour, 41 per cent believe, the market would deteriorate, while 23 per cent think it would improve. By contrast, 48 per cent expect market prospects would improve under the Conservatives, 48 per cent believe there

Financial institutions fear a hung Parliament and favour a Tory poll victory. Christopher Warman reports

cent predict a worsening.

This is the third annual survey of the views of banks and financial institutions. The sample comprised British banks (33 per cent) North American (24 per cent). European (24 per cent). Japanese (8 per cent). Middle Eastern (3 per cent) and others (8 per cent).

Among the most dramatic changes since the last survey is the reduced number that expect the residential sector to lead a property recovery, down from 47 per cent in 1991 to 3 per cent. Retail remains the favourite, up from 47

would be no change, and 4 per to 61 per cent, and industrials show the greatest improvement, from 2 to 33 per cent.

The lenders, asked whether, with hindsight, their approach would have been different, said they would have concentrated more on cash flow, restricted the percentage lent against value and woided speculative development. Half the respondents believe the Bank of England should have

controlled lending more strictly.

Chesterton says: "We believe that we are now seeing the beginning of a more mature debt market, with experienced lenders

projects. Most lenders are keen to provide finance on quality investment property but, due to the lack of supply, competition has begun to force margins down.

Once the economy improves, we expect a more relaxed debt market to prevail but, for the present, cautious lenders are waiting for real signs of recovery."

A third of the respondents are more cautious about lending than six months ago, giving some cause

for optimism. Interest in locations for investment is fairly evenly spread, but for development a higher propor-tion (41 per cent) chose central London, a favourite of Japanese banks. The southeast was preferred by 72 per cent for develop-ment and 60 per cent for



British Aviation Insurance Group has become the first tenant of Fitzwilliam House at St Mary Axe in the City of London, taking 23,000 sq ft of Universities Superannuation Scheme's new development at a rent of more than £40 a sq ft. The letting, which includes a rent-free period, leaves 62,000 sq ft available. David Scott, the developer's deputy surveyor, says the quality of Fitzwilliam House and its position, virtually opposite the Lloyd's building, has attracted considerable interest. The joint agents are Herring Baker Harris and Lambert Smith Hampton

Carroll goes east

THE Carroll group, one of the UK's largest private industrial and property organisations, has signed an agreement with the German city of Beelitz and the Brandenburg regional government to develop a 150-acre business park. The deal, through Carroll's European property division, follows 18 months of negotiations and is the first such agreement entered into by a British company in the former East Germany since reunification. Beelitz, south west of Berlin, is one of five areas chosen for large-scale commercial development in the 1990s on the prime southern Berliner ring. Sites in four other areas are to be developed by German companies and other foreign developers.

Rents down

LYNTON has reduced the rent on its development at Carriage Row, Euston, London, from £29.50 a sq ft to £22.50. The scheme, providing 103,500 sq ft of offices, has involved the refurbishment of the original Victorian building. Howard Morgan, a Lynton director, says the rent has been reduced to reflect market conditions. He says: Although we firmly believe Carriage Row is one of the finest office buildings available in this part of London, we are determined to remain competitive."

Green test for Broadcasting House

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The introduction of existing office buildings to the scheme follows the launch of BREEAM in 1990 for new offices and in 1991 for new houses, superstores and supermarkets. This latest scheme is being developed by the Building Research Establishment with the ECD Partnership, sponsored by Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster Banks, the BBC. Cable and Wireless and Jones

The new offices scheme alone.

has involved the assessment of 9 million sq ft of space, and in its first year more than 25 per cent of new office space was assessed. The assessment covers design aspects affecting the global, local and indoor environments, including carbon dioxide pollution.

On a discordant note, Martin Wade, the president of the quantisurveyors' division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says in a report that Britain's tax system discourages environ-mentally efficient building because tax allowances apply mainly to maintenance, not construction. He says the financial incentive is to build cheaply, producing buildings that are energy-ineffi-

Mr Wade wants a fiscal review to determine whether changes should be made.

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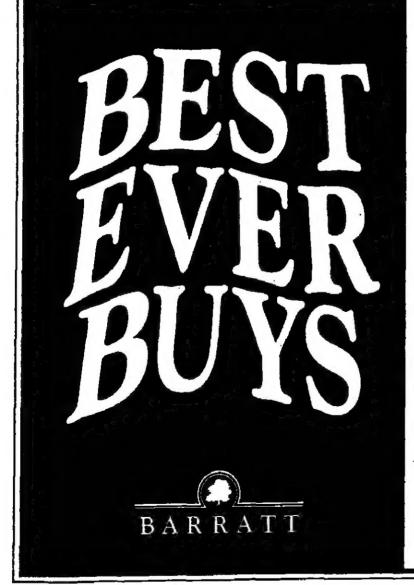
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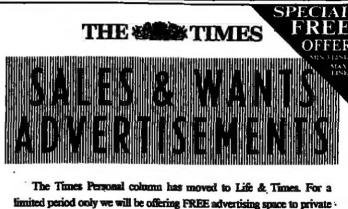
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[Judgment February 5] There should be stricter safeguards in the execution of Anton Piller (search and seize) orders to protect the rights of defendants.

The Vice-Chancellor so ob-

served in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division substantially refusing damages to Univer-sal Thermosensors Ltd in its action against Mavis Hibben, Michael Baldock, Ritz Lawrence, Thermo Probes Ltd. GH Emeo Engineering Ltd and Peter Roy Bayliss and in awarding £20,000 to the first four defendants against the plaintiff on its undertaking in damages given on the grant of an Anton Piller order by

At an early stage in the action the plaintiffs discontinued proceedings against the fifth and sixth defendants. The plaintiff's solicitors instructed solicitors and counsel to represent them in elation to their part in executing the Anton Piller order.

Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and Miss Monica Carss-Frisk for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Prescott, QC and Mr Mark Plans-Mills for the defendants; Mr Daniel Serota, QC and Mr Antony Sendall for Thomson Snell & Passmore.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the case illustrated both the virtues and vices of Anton

The virtue was that the plaintiff was enabled to recover items and documents, which, he strongly suspected, would never have seen the light of day if less Draconian steps, such as an order for delivery up of all documents containing confidential information regarding the plaintiff's customer contacts, had been the limit of the relief granted to the plaintiff. In all probability, incriminating evidence of that nature would simply

have been destroyed. But that result was achieved at a high price. His Lordship drew attention to certain points in the hope that those problems would not arise again.

The Anton Piller procedure lent itself all too readily to abuse. That had been highlighted more than once: see Mr Justice Scott in Columbia Picture Industries Inc v Robinson ([1987] Ch 38) and Mr Justice Hoffmann in Lock International plc v Besrick ([1989] 1 WLR 12681.

His Lordship's impression was that those warning signals had been heeded, and that Anton Piller orders were, rightly, made much more sparingly than pre-viously. But from what had occurred in the present case, the following points might be noted: 1 Anton Piller orders normally contained a term that before complying with the order the defendant could obtain legal ad-

guard for defendants, not least because Anton Piller orders tended to be long and com-plicated and many defendants could not be expected to under-stand much of what they were told by the solicitor serving the order. But such a term, if it was to be of use, required that in general Anton Piller orders should be

permitted to be executed only on working days in office hours, when a solicitor could be expected to be available.

brought to the door in her night attire at 7.15am and told by a attrie at 7.15am and tool by a stranger knocking on the door that he had a court order requir-ing her to permit him to enter, that she could take legal advice forthwith; but otherwise she was not permitted to speak to anyone.
But how could the get legal
advice at that time in the morning? She rang her solicitor's office

but there was no response.

accompanied by a woman.

A woman should not be subjected to the alarm of being confronted without warning by a solitary strange man, with no recognisable means of identifications are the strange warning and the strange warning are the strange woman are the strange warning are the strange woman are stranged with the stranged warning are the stranged warning warning

anyone, except a lawyer, about 3 In the present case a dispute arose about which documents were taken away and from which of the premises visited. Under standably, those who executed those orders were concerned to

In the present case that injunc-tion was expressed to last for a whole week. That was far too long.

In the present case, Mrs Hibben was alone in her house, with her children in bed. She was

2 There was a further feature of that situation which should never be allowed to occur again. If the order was to be executed at a private house, and it was at all likely that a woman might be in the house alone, the solicitor

tion, waving some unfamiliar papers and claiming an entitement to enter her house and, what is more, telling her she was not allowed to get in touch with

search and seize and then get away as quickly as possible so as to minimise the risk of

Nevertheless, in general Anton Piller orders should expressly provide that, unless it was seri-ously impracticable, a list of items being removed should be pre-pared at the premises before they were removed and that the defen-dant should be given an opportu-

4 Anton Piller orders frequently contained an injunction restrain-ing those on whom they were served from informing others of the existence of the order for a limited period. That was to prevent one defendant from alerting others to what was happening. There was an exception for communication with a lawyer for the purpose of seeking legal

Something probably went awry with the draining of the order.

5 In the present case, there was no officer or employee of the defendant companies present when their offices and workshops were searched and documents and components taken away. That was intolerable.

Orders should provide that, unless there was good reason for doing otherwise, the order should not be executed at business premises save in the presence of a responsible officer or repre-sentative of the company or trader

6 The making of an Anton Piller order in the instant case could be seen to be justified by what was discovered. But it was important not to lose sight of the fact that one thing which happened was that the director of the plaintiff company carried out a thorough search of all the documents of a mpetitor company.

That was most unsatisfactory. When Anton Piller orders were made in such cases consideration should be given to devising some means, appropriate to the facts of the case, by which that situation could be avoided.

7 Anton Piller orders invariably provided for service to be effected by a solicitor. The court relied officer of the court, to see that the order was properly executed.

Unhappity, the present and other cases showed that that safeguard was inadequate.

The solicitor might be young and have little or no experience of Anton Piller orders. Frequently, he was the solicitor acting for the plaintiff in the action, and how-ever diffigent and fair minded he might be, he was not the right person to be given a task which to some extent involved protecting the interests of the defendant.

His Lordship thought there was force in some of the criticisms set out by Professor Dockray and Mr Hugh Laddle, QC in Piller Prob-lems in ((1990) 106 LQR 601). The way ahead was that when naking Anton Piller orders judges should give serious consideration to the desirability of

providing, by suitable undertakngs and otherwise:
(a) that the order should be served, and its execution should be supervised, by a solicitor other than a member of the firm of solicitors acting for the plaintiff in

(b) that he or she should be an experienced solicitor having some familiarity with the workings of Anton Piller orders and with udicial observations on the subject, for example, as summarised in the notes to Order 29, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court;
(c) that the solicitor should prepare a written report on what occurred when the order was

(d) that a copy of the report should be served on the defen-

that report at an inter parter hearing, preferably to the judge who made the order. As to (b), there were advantages

in the plaintiff being required to include in his evidence, put to the judge in support of his application for an Anton Piller order, details of the name of the solicitor and of his experience. Of course that procedure would add considerably to the cost of executing an Anton Piller order. The plaintiff would have to be

The plantin would have to be responsible for paying the fees of the solicitor in question, without prejudice to a decision by the court on whether ultimately those costs should be borne in whole or in part by the defendants. But it should be appreciated, and it was certainly his Lordship's view, that in suitable and strictly limited cases, Anton Piller orders furnished courts with a valuable aid in their efforts to do justice

between two parties. That was especially so in blatant cases of It was therefore important that such orders should not be allowed to fall into disrepute. If further steps were necessary to prevent that happening, they should be

If plaintiffs wished to take advantage of that truly Draco-nian type of order, they had to be prepared to pay for the safeguards which experience had shown were necessary if the interests of defendants were fairly to be protected.

Solicitors: Park Nelson for Thomson Snell & Passmore, Tonbridge: Herbert Smith; Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave.

Secretary of State for the Environment and Another v Cambridge City Council Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment February 5] The demolition of houses in order to use the site for providing car parking and enhancing the visual aspect of nearby development by high quality landscaping did not constitute "development" within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Environment and Milton decision of Mr David Widdicombe, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, had allowed an appeal by Cambridge City Council from an inspector's order quashing two enforcement notices served by the council.

tices served by the council. Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC and Mr Michael Kent for the sec-retary of state; Lord Silsoe, QC and Mr Robert McCracken for Milton Park; Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Chris-topher Lewsley for the council.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that Milton Park was engaged in the dev-elopment of offices known as the Westbrook Centre, Milton Road, Cambridge. They purchased two semi-detached houses, 21 and 23 Milion Road, with the intention of demolishing them and, on the cleared site, providing additional car parking and enhancing the visual aspect of the development by high quality landscaping.

Giving contemnor mitigation chance

Taylor v Persico

Where a person accused of conempt of court was liable to mprisonment, the judge should afford the alleged contemnor, whether he was legally represented or not, a proper opportu-nity to mitigate, especially where the judge had indicated that he was refuctant to consider any sentence other than immediate

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Stocker and Sir David Croom Johnson) so held on January 27 when allowing the appeal of Joe Persico against the order of Judge Morrison, sining as a High Court Judge, in Derby on May 9, 1991, committing him to prison for four months for contempt of court for his failure to comply with the terms of an ex parte injunction obtained by the plaintiff. Clifford

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that it was plain from the evidence that the judge proceeded

Taylor, at Leicester County Count on April 29, ordering him to return certain items that had been taken from the plaintiff's

to impose imprisonment without investigating a matter he rec-ognised the defendant would be ctant to disclose, an allegation that he had removed the vehicles. on the basis of self-incrimination. Although it was submitted that the appellant was represented, as opposed to the situation in Shoreditch County Court Bailliffs v de Madeiros (The Times February 24, 1988) so that it was open to counsel to mitigate on his behalf, no doubt a mitigation was not made because of the clear evi-

dence of the judge's attitude as the case proceeded.

Some demolition work was carried out, including the removal of damaged slates from the roofs and the removal of certain equip-

The council then served two reement notices in respect of the houses, alleging the demo-lition of part of the premises without having previously ob-tained planning permission. Mil-ton Park appealed to the secretary of state. The argument on the appeal and at all stages centred on the ground that the matters alleged as a breach of planning control did not constitute or

His Lordship set out sections 22(1) and 290(1) of the Town and 22(1) and 29(1) of the flown and Country Planning Act 1971, now respectively sections 55(1) and 336(1) of the 1990 Act, which together with the decisions in Marks & Spancer Ltd v LCC [1953] AC 535), Coleshill & District Investment Co Ltd v Minister of Housing and Local Government [1969] 1 WLR 746) and Iddenden v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1972] 1 WLR 1433) established the

ollowing propositions:

(a) Works of demolition of a building might, but did not necessarily or inevitably con-stitute "development" within the meaning of section 55 of the 1990

"development" if, but only if, they were properly to be regarded as within the definitions in the Act of building operations", "engineering operations" and "other opera-(c) Demolition works might be building operations if they were part of "structural alterations of

.. buildings". In such a case the demolition would inevitably be partial only.
(d) Demolition works of a particular type or scale might be operations normally undertaken

as a builder". (c) Demolition works of particular structures might be "engineering operations".
(i) Whether works of demolition were within any of those categories of development was a question of fact for the decision

(g) The definition of dev-

elopment did not comprehend every operation on land. Thus other operations . . . on . . . land in the definition in section 55(1) did not mean all other operations (h) "Other operations" in that definition were operations which, while not of one genus comprising also building and engineering least be of a constructive charac ter, leading to an identifiable and positive result", or be "similar to building operations or to en-gineering operations" per Lord Wilberforce in Coleshili (at pp764, 771).

(i) Whether particular works of demolition constituted development within the statutory definition had to be decided in

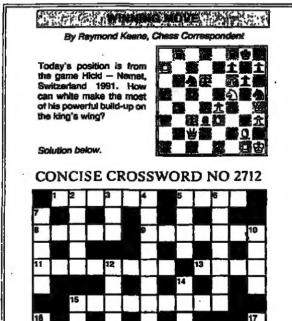
Demolition not development

relation to those works, and not other projected works to which the demolition was a preliminary. The issue which it was necessary for the court to consider was whether the works of demolition carried out were "other operations...on...land" Applying the principles at (g), (h) and (i), his Lordship concluded that demolition of itself was not an "other operation" within the

meaning of section 55(1). The fact that when the demolition was complete it would or

stitute development within the statutory definition did not alter that conclusion. Accordingly, the demolition works at 21 and 23 Milton Road were not "other operations" within section 55(1). Lord Justice Beldam agreed and Lord Justice Nolan delivered

a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Ginn & Co. Cambridge; Nabarro



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BBC 1

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10.00 News, regional news and weather (6073367) 10.05 Playdays (r) (1763589) 10.25 Playdays (r) (6076454) 10.35 No Kidding. Family

quiz game show (s) (5567218) 11.05 Olympics '92, Helen Rollason introduces live coverage of the

women's combined downhill from Meribel. The commentator is Julian Tutt /9038218)

12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Pubble Mill (s) (9648725) 12.55 Regional News and weather (90122102)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (64812) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (60244473)

1.50 Olympics '92, Coverage of ice hockey, the men's 10km biathion the individual Nordic combined and the women's luge. Plus highlights of last night's pairs free figure skating (31004725) Benenamen. Animation (r) (8994183) 3.55 Caterpillar Trail.

Sluart Bradley goes in search of a good potato and marine biologist Martha Holmes meets a hitch-hilding plaice (r) (6900676) 4.10 Fiddley Foodle Bird. Animation narrated by Dennis Waterman (s) (3011928) 4.20 Jacksnory. Helena Bonham-Carter with episode three of Philippa Pearce's The Way to Sattin Shore (r)

(\$420589) 4.35 Bucky O'Hare. Animation (2480385) 4.35 Bucky O'Hare. Animation (2480385) 5.00 Newsround (3803812) 5.05 Archer's Goon. The last episode of the children's comedy thriller. (Ceefax) (s) (5518676) Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (425676). Northern Ireland: Inside

5.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (299) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (251), Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. A look behind the scenes of the Brit Awards at the programme (4183) 7.30 The Brits 1992. The British Record Industry Awards from the

Hammersmith Odeon. The musical guests include Simply Red, Seal, Lisa Stansfield, PM Dawn, Beverley Craven, Extreme and KLF (s) (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1) (11522) 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats (407819)

9.10 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Flying ahead of the competition: winner Sharon Chern (9.40pm)

9.40 Q.E.D: The Battle of the Bottle Snatchers.

 CHOICE: The series dedicated to showing that science is funreturns with a competition between young engineers to design the most effective rubbish-collecting machine. Armed with only a box of bits and their own Ingenuity, the students must come up with a contraption that will sweep up as many bottles, cans and cartons in the shortest possible time. The contest starts in Britain, Germany and the United States and climaxes in Jepan. Anyone hoping to cheer on our lads and lasses against the rest of the world will be disappointed. For the Tokyo grand final the teams are made up from all the nationalities. The attempts of various forklifts, mechanical grabs and sweeping arms to capture their prey make for consistent entertainment. Whether the exercise proves anything, as the series title implies, is another matter. (Ceelax)

(925928)

10.10 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Boxing: live coverage of the WBO world welterweight championship bout between Pat Barrett of Manchester and the holder, Manning Gallowey of America. The commentator at the Wembley Grand Hall is Harry Carpenter; Olympics 92: gold medal performances in the women's 1,500m speed skating, the men's individual Nordic combined, the men's 10km biathlon and the women's tage. Plus sertime from the women's combined downhill and ice hockey. comoined, the men's 10km biathlon and the women's tuge. Plus action from the women's combined downhill and ice hockey; Cricket: highlights of the second one-day international between New Zealand and England in Dunedin; Football: a preview of this weekend's FA Cup fifth round matches (496560)

12.10em Weather (7658400). Ends at 12.15

2.00 The Way Ahead, John Murray explains April's new benefite for disabled people (r) (3073416). Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Technology - Eurekaarghi (8468676). Ends at

8.00 Breakfast News (2505657) 8.15 Westminster (9520541) 9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (10558270) followed by You and Me (r)
(74100386) 2.15 Bitten by the Bug. Professor Erik Holm continues
his exploration of the insect world with a look at how certain
species look after their offspring (74180522) 2.30 Reviving Antiques. How to clean an antique piece made of more than one

tenlands of Britain (4080812) 3.00 News and weather (6944725) followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian White (6763562) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (77,29454)



Presenting the daily game for wordsmiths: Paul Coia (4.00pm) 4.00 Catchword. Another round of the game for wordsmiths, presented

4.00 Catachword. Another round of the game for wordsmiths, presented by Paul Cota (s) (164)
4.30 Wildlife Gerns. Film of high-rise cacti, seabirds in the desert and and flowers blooming in wasteland (r) (676)
5.00 Made By Hand. The skills of a paper maker (r) (7727034) 5.10 Horzon: T Rex. Exposed (r). (Ceefax) (e) (3699928)
6.00 Otympics Today. Highlights of the fifth day (48947)
7.30 DEF It. Reportage. A look at race relations in the United States and Europe followed by a studio discussion on whether Britain has the best race relations in the west (251831)

the best race relations in the west (251831)

8.10 Timewratch: The Man Who Made the Supergun.

© CHOICE: Current effeirs, it is said, soon harden into history.

When this film was first shown a year ago the story of the trac supergun was a subject tom from the headlines. Now it fits happily mto the normal Timewatch brief which has more to do with the past than the present. Peter Taylor tells the story of Dr Gerald Bull, scientist, businessman and inventor. When Bull was assassinated in Brussels in March 1990 the incident was barely reported. A few weeks later, as details of the supergun emerged in Bri Germany and Turkey he was front page news. A Cenadian, Bull became obsessed with the long-range German guns of the two world wars and was determined to build a supergun based on Nazi military technology. Taylor follows the story all the way to Sadda Hussein. The film has been updated to coincide with the enquiry into the affair by the House of Commons trade and indiustry

committee (r) (300831)
9.00 Film: Prime Suspect (1982) starring Mike Farrell (BJ in M*A*S*/I)
and Terl Garr. A made-for-television drams about a respectable, easy-going businessmen, whose life become a living nig eiter circumstantial evidence leads to him becoming the chief suspect in a child murder case. Direc

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrati (505541)

10.40 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (213473)
11.15 The Late Show. A look at cultural values with guests Hanit Kureishi, A.S. Byatt, Alan Yentob and Melvyn Bragg (a) (479102)
12.05em Weather (7167435)
12.10 Open University: Seize the Fire (711888), Ends at 11.45

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9.55 Thames News (4377096)
10.00 The Time... The Place.... Topical discussion series

10.40 This Morning: Magazine series on family matters presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes Colin Dexter, creator of the Inspector Morse character, talks about how he feels about his work being adapted for television. Denise Robertson counselling on emotional matters and advice from the simming material (2857541) 2.35 Country File reports on the shrinking club, Fat Busters. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (3080183)

12.10 Allsorts. Young people's entertainment (s) (2796725) 12.30 News with John Suchet, (Oracle) Weather (8641183) 1.10 Themes News (53791395)

1.20 Home and Away, Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (97607015) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in

the Australian outback (s) (52018909) 2.20 Graham Kerr. The former Galioping Gourmet prepares a butter-free sole and saffron sauce (35112247) 2.50 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (4098831) 3.15 ITN News headlines (8954102) 3.20 Themes News headlines (8951015) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama

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on Kenya's coral reef (4460725) 5.10 Biockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (5502015)
 5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Cracle) Weather (653909)

5.55 Thames Help. The demands and rewards of being a school governor (r) (988096)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (367)

6.30 Thernee News. (Oracle) (947) 7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel lies in well to give another unsuspecting worthy an emotional mugging (9251)



Secret Valentine: Nicholas Cochrane with Judy Brooke (7.30pm) 7.30 Coronation Street. Andy McDonald manages to deposit a Valentine's card into new pupil Paula's bag. Starring Nicholas Cochrane and Judy Brooke. (Oracle) (831)
8.00 Van der Valk. The second of three feature length stories based on

the character created by Nicholas Freeling, starring Barry Fo as the unorthodox Dutch detective, in this case investigating kidnepping of a businessman and his young son (4201). 10,00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats

10.10 News with Trevor McDonald and Alistair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (826218) 10.40 Tharmes News (872725)
10.50 Film: The Best of Beinny Hill (1974). A compilation of comedy sketches from episodes of *The Benny Hill Show*. Directed by John

Robins (49707367)

12.25am Film: A Time to Triumph (1986) starring Patty Duke and Joseph Bologna. A made-for-television, true story of a wife who, after her husband has a heart attack, becomes the family breadwitner. Her choice of career is as a US Army helicopter pilot.

Directed by Noel Black (646435)
2.15 America's Top Ten presented by Tommy Puett and Casey . Kasem (s) (24771) 2.45 Videofashion. The hion. The role of noistalgia in the world of fashion

2.40 Vicebrashott. The role of hostalga in the world of tashion (8108706)
3.10 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition hostad by Ted Robbins (16504936)
3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror. A selection of clips from films featuring female vamples (r) (38163226)
4.10 Along the Cotswold Way. Cive Gunnell travels from North Nibley to Dursley (r) (49780690)

to Dursley (r) (49780690)
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newsreel (16146329)
5.00 Witness to Survival. Two more stories of survival against the

odds (94416) 5.30 ITN Morrang News with Tarr Neison (50955). Ends at 8.00

CHANNEL 4

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12.30 Basiness Daily. With Susannah Simons (16639).

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is New York's mayor David Dinkins (90164).

2.00 Film: Dragonwyck (1948, b/w) starring Vincent Price, Gene Tierney and Walter Huston, Gothic melodrama about a 19thcentury landowner who marries a young bride before she learns of his sinister past, Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (255812)
3.55 Gustav Stays in Bed. Animation from Hungary (8886164)
4.00 The Survival Factor: Deep South Seal. A documentary narrated by Toyah Wilcox about the Weddell seal, an Antarctic species that

can dive deeper than any other seel (r). (Teletext) (560)
4.30 Countdown presented by Richard Whiteley (s) (744)
5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Bette Midler talks about her marriage,

her cooking, her crusada for Aids victims and her latest film, For the Boys (7816464) 5.55 Laurel and Hardy, Animation (986638) 6.00 Kate & Allie. American comedy series starring Jane Curtin and Susan Saint James (909)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Tonight model and actress Imam is

the guest (s) (589)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (204819)

7.50 Party Political Comment from a Conservative party politician

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in auburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (5541) 8.30 Travelog. Robert Eims explores Denmark (s) (5676) 8.00 Dispatches.

• CHOICE: The nub of a provocative edition of Dispatches is that

AZT, the main drug prescribed for the treatment of Akis, is not working. No one says that AZT is a cure for Akis or will prevent people dying from it. But acientific experts, mostly in the United States, dispute the claim of Wellcome, manufacturers of AZT, that States, dispute the claim of Wellcome, manufacturers of ALT, that the drug "improves both quality and length of life". This is apparently refuted by a four-year triel in North Carolina. Critics assert that the tests on which AZT gained acceptance were seriously flawed. Alds sufferers speak of feeling better without the drug than with it. Almong the sceptics is Dr Peter Duesberg of the University of California, who has appeared previously on Dispatches to suggest that HIV is not the cause of Alds. Wellcome decision to stream in the concentrate feeting that it would not be declined to appear in the programme, fearing that it would not be balanced, ironically, it would be much more balanced if they had



Hidden loot: Freddie Boardley and Iain McColl (9.45pm)

9.45 She-Play: Full Board. A bad and board comedy farce written by 19-year-old Jane Duncan and starring Susan Wooldridge, Freddie Boardley and Isin McColl (s) (641454) 10.00 The Golden Girls. Delicious comedy about four romantic Mismi

matrons. (Teletext) (s) (86473) 10.30 The Secret Caberet With Simon Drake. The guests are Ricky Jay, Max Maven and Joanne and Juliette (s) (62993) 11.00 The Reconstructed Heart.

 CHOICE: The actor and cabaret artist Robert Liewellyn presents a witty discourse on the male response to feminism over the past 20 years. He comperes normal man, the unreconstructed male chauvistic pig, with reconstructed man, who behaves in much the same way but occasionally feels guilty about it. Llewellyn's chosen vehicle for his thesis is a spoof scademic lecture, complete with graphs, charts, filmed interviews and sociological mumbo-jumbo. The sense of periody is very sharp, it will be difficult after sitting through this one to take a real lecture seriously. But content is not entirely swamped by form and Llewellyn's observations on changing male attitudes are often shrewd: The studio audience changing male attitudes are often shrewd; The studio audience clearly enjoyed themselves and so should readers of the more intelligent newspapers who do not mind a bit of rudery (a) (353725).

11.45 The 291 Club. More showbiz hopefuls brave a critical audience at London's Heckney Empire (r) (584676).

12.45em Tonight with Jonathan Rose (r) (s) (5429955).

1.10 Dick Spanner. Carbon private eye created by Gerry Anderson of Thunderbirds fame (1282459). Ends at 1.20

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Hendel (Concerto Grosso in A minor, Op 6 No 4); M. Haydn (Hom Concerto in D) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Prokofiev (Two Pushkin Weitzes, Op 120); Schubert (Stindchan, Zógamd leise, D 920); Lachner (Nonett); Faurè (Soifie, Pellés et Mélisande, Op 50); Ville-Lobos (Bachiene brasileira No 5); Saressite, arr Francescetti (Heberiera)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
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(Brno State PO under Jiek,
with Jen Stanovsky, violin);
Pohadis (Bernard Gregor-Smith, cells, Volande Wrigley,
piano); Plano Sonata,
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Opera Orchestra and Chorus under Cherles Bruck, with Kathleen Ferner, alto): Schumann, transcr Liszt (Liebestied, Widmung: Cyr Katsans, piano); Korngold (Violin Concerto: Jascha Heifetz; LA Philharmonic under Alfred Wasenstein); Bartok (Seven Piaces from Mirongovius and Bengons Uriarte, planos); Bentock (Filine at the Fair: RPO Under Bescham); Rossini (La Cenerantole Act 2 Finales Orchestra and Chorus of Participations (Interna Under islone Italiene under

Zedda, with Lucia Valentini Terrani, rhezzo) 12.00 BBC Welsh SO under I BBC Weight SO under Howard Williams performs Tchallovalty (Symphonic balled, The Voyevoda, Op 78); Prokotiev (Pieno Concerto No 3 in C, Op 26: Kethryn Stott); Tchalkovsky (Overture, The Storm, Op 76) (r) 1.00pm News
7.95 Concert Halt: Live from
Broadcasting House, London,
the musicians of the Royal
Exchange perform Rosaint
(String Sonata No 3 in C);
Gostz (Plano Quintat in C

2.00 Record Review (r) 3.10 Vintage Years: Berlin State

2.19 Vintage Years: Barlin State
Opera Orchestra under Lac
Blech perfortes Brahms (Violin
Concerto in D: Fritz Kreisler)
4.09 Choral Evensong, live from
Southwell Minster in
Nottinghamshire
5.00 The Sparrow Hawk and the
Pigeon: Songs and dences
from Medeo. Introduced by
Lucy Duran
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 Heves
7.05 Third Ear: Philip Dodd chairs
a discussion on the arts
7.30 BSC PO in Liverpool: Live

a discussion on the arts 7.30 BBC PO in Liverpoot: Live from the Philhermonic Hall, Güther Herbig conducts Wagner (Overture, Die Meistersinger): Beethove Meistersinger): Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D, Op 61: Frank Peter Zimmermann). 8.35 Frank Whitford talks about mid-19th century

10.00 News; Delly Service (LW only); The Book of Job (6 of 7) (a)
10.15 The Bible (LW only); The Book of Job (6 of 7) (a)
10.20 Wemen's Hour tails to the extress Maureen O'Brien; calebrates 70 years of Good Housekeeping and meet expatriates fiving in Britain, incl 11.00 News
11.30 Cerdeners' Question Time: A postbeg edition (r)
12.20 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order: Chalman Patrick Hannan is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and guests for about mid-19th century
Viennese cultural life, \$.55
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minor, Op 68).

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Brought Back to Life? Bryan
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the future of cities. With
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Composers' Choice. Simon
Holt presents the first of five.
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1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only)
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Work, John P. Herris takes
about living in a village in the
south of France (3 of 6) (r)
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 Parts: Carol Vorderman

3.42 Parts: Carol Vorderman reports on today's technology 4.00 News.
4.05 Kateldoscope: Nigel Androws reviews the new film releases including Star Trak VI and Barton Fink; Judy Meweszen reports on a new touring production by 7:84 Theatre in Scotland; and author Paul Bailey talls about his favourite freeco (s)
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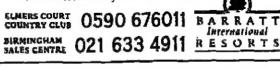
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